

Silly Rabbit

A Guest Editorial by **Victoria Tyler**

When USMNEWS.net [reporters told us](#), only a few weeks ago now, that changes to the CoB's webpages had resulted in referring to CoB faculty as "Teachers," CoB officials did just what those sources predicted – they [had it changed back to](#) "Faculty." Sources were right in their prediction precisely because they were also right on their evaluation. That is, the changes calling faculty "teachers" *devalued* not only their credentials, but also their contributions to the institution. Still, one CoB administrator stood steadfast against the sanity of *unchanging* the original change, and held on to the "Teachers" label for his group. Who is that? Kirby E. "Skip" Hughes, the (relatively new) director of the CoB's School of Accountancy.



"Skip" Hughes

Why would Hughes do such a thing, holding on to the degrading label for his group? After all, he has been one of the CoB's leaders in touting how much research in the college is going to improve during the Lance Nail administration (2008-present). Here's a stab at answering that question. By hanging on to the "Teachers" label, Hughes avoids including the USMNEWS.net editor, Marc DePree, among the CoB's accountants. As has been documented here at USMNEWS.net, Hughes is part of a mobbing cabal – one that includes Nail and USM president Martha Saunders, along with several others – that has worked against DePree, resulting in releasing the professor of accounting from the teaching duties that he successfully performed for two decades in the CoB. Using the term "Faculty" calls for inclusion of DePree on the SoA's webpages. Sticking with "Teachers," by virtue of an obvious technicality, does not.