## Special Report

## What will Susan Doty's Camouflage Cost the CoB? An Investigative Series on the use of the CoB's Budget

Our investigators continue to examine details and events surrounding two of the CoB's centers --- The Center for Economics Education and the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Readers will recall that both of these centers are housed in Joseph Greene Hall, though neither visibly retains any staff support. A number of other reports available here at usmpride.com indicate that William Gunther, the BBER's current Director, treats the BBER more like an entitlement than a privilege. A number of documents available here discuss what appears to be CoB Dean Harold Doty's desire to mask his spouse's, Susan Doty's, professional ties to the CoB through the hiring of a CEE Director. Through her position with the MCEE, Susan Doty reportedly currently serves as the CEE's lead economics educator. What her "official status" will be after a new CEE Director is hired remains unclear.

A source indicates that near the end of fall semester 2006 EFIB Chair George Carter informed Doty that the EFIB had about \$165,000 in vacant faculty lines. That amount corresponds to information from a recent finding about the potential salaries for new hires in the BBER and the CEE that are currently in the works. The following information was taken from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*'s "Chronicle Careers" webpage:

Position: Director, Bureau of Business and Economic Research Salary: \$60,000 to less than \$90,000 Institution: <u>University of Southern Mississippi</u> Location: Mississippi Date posted: 1/1/2007 Application deadline: 1/29/2007

**Economics:** The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi/Long Beach, Mississippi. R01 General Regional Economics. The University of Southern Mississippi invites applications for an anticipated tenure-track, nine-month position at the rank of assistant professor or higher beginning August 2007. The position includes administrative responsibilities as director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Position is contingent upon funding. Quality classroom and online teaching is an expectation. Producing quality research and engaging in service activities in the department and college are also expected. Minimum qualifications are (1) receipt of an earned doctorate in economics or planned receipt by June 1, 2007, and (2) evidence of ability to produce scholarship and effective teaching. Applicants for ranks above assistant professor must meet department, college, and university expectations for the respective ranks. Each applicant should submit a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a copy of a research paper. Applications must be received no later than January 29, 2007. The University of Southern Mississippi is an AA/EOE/ADAI employer and encourages applications from females and minorities. Contact: Economics Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, Finance, and International Business, The University of Southern Mississippi, 118 College Drive, # 5072, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39406-0001; e-mail: George.Carter@usm.edu.

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According to the advertisements above, each apparently placed with *TCHE* by EFIB Chair Carter, the salary range for each position is "\$60,000 to less than \$90,000." This means that the total salary bill across the two positions ranges from \$120,000 to \$179,998. Given the reported vacancies amount of \$165,000, the EFIB will be able to offer two packages nearer the high end of the \$120,000 to \$179,998 range. Sources indicate that a salary package of (1) \$75,000 for the new CEE Director, and (2) \$88,000 for the new BBER Director is the most likely outcome. This would leave some extra travel funds for each new hire (or for Niroomand), according to sources.

Previous reports available at usmpride.com indicate that each Directorship will be filled by CoB Dean Harold Doty. Stay tuned for more reports on these hires as events surrounding them further develop.