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### ***Special Report***

## **What is Carter's Attack on Dissenters Costing the CoB?**

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This Special Report examines some of the extraordinary moves being made by EFIB Chair George Carter to suppress dissent in his department and in the College of Business. As usmpride.com has reported, Carter orchestrated the "Black Tuesday" re-vote in the EFIB (19 Sept 2006) that resulted in a duly constituted 3-faculty governance committee being disbanded (see "Black Tuesday" page at usmpride.com). Finance professor James Lindley and accounting professor Marc DePree have filed an official University Grievance regarding the "Black Tuesday" situation. New evidence pouring into usmpride.com indicates that Carter is now orchestrating a campaign of retaliation and harassment directed at those who spoke out against the Black Tuesday *coup*.

This report examines what is happening to one dissenter, economics professor Franklin Mixon. This report also involves a number of others in the EFIB. Sources tell usmpride.com that the two faculty (remaining at USM) who have historically covered the CoB's sections of Prin Eco II are Bill Gunther and Franklin Mixon. Among these, Mixon usually teaches the larger number of SCH. A number of things have changed of late regarding instruction of Prin Eco II. For instance, new hire Akbar Marvasti is exclusively teaching Prin Eco II in the spring of 2007. This follows Marvasti's fall 2006 schedule of exclusively teaching Prin Eco I. These schedules are shown below, beginning with fall of 2006:

#### **Akbar Marvasti, fall 2006**

3	Prin Of Eco I	2:25pm-3:40pm	TR	x
3	Prin Of Eco I	6:30pm-9:15pm	T	x
3	Course Release - Academically Qualified			
3	Course Release - New Hire			
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#### **Akbar Marvasti, spring 2007**

3	Prin Of Eco II	9:00am-9:50am	MWF	
3	Prin Of Eco II	10:00am-10:50am	MWF	
3	Course Release - Academically Qualified			
3	Course Release - New Hire			
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It appears as though Marvasti has been assigned 2 sections of Prin Eco II in the spring of 2007 to facilitate Carter's attack on Mixon, who, according to our sources, normally teaches 3 sections of Prin Eco II each spring (with at least one being a large section). Given Marvasti's "New Hire" teaching load release, more help is needed to cover the three Prin Eco II courses that Mixon would normally teach in the spring.

As the screen below shows, that additional help is not being provided by William Gunther, professor of economics and Director of the CoB's Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

#### GUNTHER

ECO	202	H004	3	Prin Of Eco II	11:00am-12:15pm	TR
ECO	202	H005	3	Prin Of Eco II	6:30pm-9:15pm	M
			3	Course Release - Professionally Qualified		
			3	Course Release - Center Director		

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Gunther taught two sections of Prin Eco II in spring of 2006, so his two sections for spring of 2007 are maintaining the status quo, not relieving Carter of the potential bottleneck caused by Nixon's release from Prin Eco II teaching duties in Hattiesburg. Of course, Gunther's lack of participation here stems from the 3-hour release Gunther is granted for "serving" as Center Director.

That leaves Carter with little option other than hire an outside hand to help relieve the potential Prin Eco II bottleneck. *And, that is what Carter appears to have done.* Sources tell usmpride.com that EFIB Chair held a number of recent interviews with former economics instructor Theresa Curley. As a result, Curley has accepted an offer from Carter to assume her adjunct role from days past. Curley's new teaching assignment, according to sources, is **Prin Eco II**. Surely a five-figure sum was necessary to bring Curley back into the CoB.

Add to the sum for Curley above the cost to USM of having its faculty inefficiently utilized, and we're just beginning to scratch the surface of the true overall cost of Carter's vendetta. Don't forget, students are involved. It seems they are the last consideration in the CoB's administrative decision-making processes.

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Additional sources have confirm Curley's upcoming employment in the CoB will consist of Prin of Eco II (ECO 202) instruction. Those same sources indicate that the economics side of EFIB is essentially over-staffed, even without considering the addition of Curley. On the AACSB front, Curley's hiring means that it is likely that a majority of the ECO 202 SCH produced in the CoB will now come through faculty who are not "Academically Qualified" by AACSB standards. Stay tuned for updates as they arrive.

**Updated on 10/29/2006**

Sources tell usmpride.com that EFIB Instructor Theresa Curley has been hired by EFIB Chair George Carter to teach several online sections of ECO 202. The EFIB faculty have yet to approve online delivery of ECO 202, yet Carter is moving ahead full steam in preparation for offering the course online during spring 2007. Other readers have also indicated that ECO 201 will soon be offered online in the EFIB, despite Carter not having

put this decision up for EFIB faculty vote either. Various committees have since been informed of Carter's apparent disregard for faculty governance procedures when it comes to online course offerings in EFIB.