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Special Report

More “Spring Breaks” for Nissan in 2007?

An Investigation into Course Scheduling in the CoB

This Special Report examines the spring 2007 teaching schedule of Edward Nissan, professor of economics in the CoB. Nissan’s spring 2007 teaching schedule is presented below:

<u>NISSAN</u>						Days	Sked.	Courses
BA	303-8W1	H001	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:00pm-4:45pm	M		
BA	303-8W1	H002	1.5	Regression Analysis	6:30pm-9:15pm	M		
BA	303-8W1	H003	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:25pm-5:10pm	T		
BA	303-8W2	H004	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:00pm-4:45pm	W		
BA	303-8W2	H005	1.5	Regression Analysis	6:30pm-9:15pm	W		
BA	303-8W2	H006	1.5	Regression Analysis	2:25pm-5:10pm	R		
			3	Course Release - Academically Qualified				
			12				MTWR	6

Nissan is teaching six 1.5-hour sections of BA 303, 3 during 8W1 and 3 during 8W2. The 8W1 courses are taught from 2:00pm on Mondays through 5:10pm on Tuesdays. Thus, Nissan is being provided 141 consecutive hours without a teaching assignment from his last class on Tuesday until his first class on Monday, throughout the 8W1 period. This is the same block of out-of-class time that George Carter, the EFIB Chair, provided Edward Nissan in fall of 2006.

In the second half of spring 2007, or 8W2, Nissan’s courses are taught from 2:00pm on Wednesdays through 5:10pm on Thursdays, again providing Nissan with 141 consecutive hours of out-of-class time. Nissan’s 1-preparation, 2 days per week schedule will likely facilitate a good bit of travel that the CoB will ultimately be responsible for. As we stated in an earlier report, Nissan could easily commute to USM from a base in San Francisco, and possibly even from London, throughout the spring semester of 2007. And, since his fall 2006 schedule offered the same “141 consecutive hours” benefit, he could live in San Francisco all year during 2006-07 if he so desired.

Note that Carter refers to Nissan’s schedule above as a 6-course schedule over a 4-day/week time frame. Could Carter be any more disingenuous? Cut both numbers (i.e., 6 and 4) in half and you have the truth about Nissan’s spring 2007 schedule.

Additional Commentary

Usmpride.com readers are aware of reports that show that all of Carter’s research output comes through “co-authorship” with Nissan. Thus, any preferential treatment provided to

Nissan will have obvious financial benefits for Carter. Given Nissan's penchant for travel, time and travel funds are of paramount importance to Nissan. Carter is apparently willing to provide Nissan with copious amounts of both.

Updated on 10/27/2004

A usmpride.com reader reminds us that Nissan is the EFIB faculty member who failed to live up to a committee assignment he was elected to fulfill. We exposed that particular service dereliction episode involving Nissan in the report below:

Headline and Synopsis

Edward Nissan & the Academic Council

An Investigation into University Service Dereliction in the CoB

This report broke the story that Edward Nissan failed to complete his 3-year obligation to USM's Academic Council. In fact, the data indicate that Nissan attended only 3 of the 30 meetings (approx) he was expected to attend. Trellis Green was forced to cover for Nissan's service dereliction in this case.

We are told that this service dereliction is one of many involving Nissan. Our investigators continue to process tips and paperwork that continues to arrive. The preferential treatment given Nissan by various CoB administrators over the years appears to be one of the worst offenses in CoB history.