

Special Report

Into the Fold: Chang Hsieh's "Journal Family" **An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Research Credentials**

It is fairly well known within USM's College of Business that Chang Hsieh's "academic reach" (with regard to journal affiliations) is quite long. A quick look at Hsieh's SEDONA vita reveals that very picture:

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Board Member: PRJ Editorial Review Board

- 2005: International Journal of Innovation and Learning, Member, editorial review board (International).
- 2005: International Journal of Electronic Healthcare, Member, editorial review board (International).
- 2005: International Journal of Mobile Communications, Member, editorial review board (International).
- 2005: Industrial Management and Data Systems, Member, editorial advisory board (International).
- 2005: Journal of Information Technology Theory and Application, Editorial review board member (International).

Editor: Academic PRJ

- 2006: Journal of International technology and Information Management, Editor (International).
- 2005-2006: International Journal of Intercultural Information Management, Editor-in-Chief (International).
- 2005: Journal of International Technology and Information Management, Editor, since 2002 (International).

According to his own entries, Hsieh sat on (still?) at least five editorial boards in 2005, and he is the editor of two journals -- the *Journal of International Technology and Information Management* and the *International Journal of Intercultural Information Management*.¹ According to the CoB's official journal ranking list for MIS, all seven of the journals above are classified as "Other" in terms of quality.

Table 1 below lists each of the journals above in Hsieh's "family of journals." Also included in Table 1 are entries for CoB faculty who have published an article (or more) within Hsieh's "family of journals."² The array of information in Table 1, therefore,

¹ Notice that, in classic CoB fashion, Hsieh lists one of his two editorships twice, thereby inflating the appearance of editorships on his SEDONA vita by 50 percent.

² This information also comes from CoB SEDONA records that were obtained by usmnews.net via a MORA request.

serves to indicate the access to potential favor provision that is available to Hsieh through publication(s) in his "family of journals."

Table 1
Who has Joined Hsieh's "Family of Journals" from the CoB?

Year	IJIL	IJEH	IJMC	IMDS	JITTA	JITIM	IJIIM
Press				Hsieh Lai			
2007	Chen						
2006		Hsieh		Hsieh Lai Shi Lai		Posey	
2005	Hsieh Chen					Hsieh	
2004	Yang			Hsieh			

As Table 1 points out, there are a number (6 to be specific) of CoB faculty across a few units (3 to be exact) who are benefiting from Hsieh's "family of journals." Of course, the proliferation of **Hsieh** just goes to show that, before you put others into a system, you should make sure it works by trying it out on yourself first. Hsieh has done that a number of times (6 to be sure) since 2004.

Posey on the Road to "More than 100"

What's really interesting about Table 1 above is that accounting professor Roderick Posey has recently joined family Hsieh. Posey has a long way to go to reach "more that 100 [actual] publications," but every journey begins with one small step. In the context of potential "favor trading," one source we contacted speculated that if the Hsieh-Posey combination represented a "favor trading" scenario it was most likely that Hsieh did the approaching, and not the other way around. Look for future reports at usmnews.net to delve further into the situation behind that speculation.