

# Special Report

## “Shut Up and Drive! . . . Again” An Investigative Report on the Use of CoB Faculty

With budget freezes and human resource strains at USM only beginning, it seems appropriate to examine which non-administration faculty members at CoB-H are being told by CoB chairs to make the drive to one of the CoB’s Gulf Coast locales for teaching purposes. This report examines data from spring semester 2009, which is shown below in Table 1.

**Table 1**  
**CoB-H Faculty Teaching at CoB-GC, Spring 2009**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Meeting Times</b>
Clark, John	FIN	FIN 652 (Prob in Investments)	6:30pm-9:15pm, T
Hsieh, Chang-Tseh	MIS	MIS 412 (Proj Life Cycle Mgt)	6:30pm-9:15pm, R
Jordan, Charles	ACC	ACC 327 (Intermed Acc II)	3:30pm-4:45pm, T & R
		ACC 620 (Adv Cost/Mgr Acc)	5:00pm-6:15pm, T & R
Posey, Roderick	ACC	ACC 401 (Advanced Acc I)	3:30pm-6:15pm, M
Topping, Sharon	MGT	MBA 660 (Mgr Strategy)	6:30pm-9:15pm, M
Wittmann, Michael	MKT	MBA 645 (Com Skills Mgrs)	6:30pm-9:15pm, W

As Table 1 indicates, no fewer than six CoB-H faculty will be made to drive to the CoB-GC for teaching assignments during spring 2009. Of these, two are in accounting. These are Charles Jordan and Roderick Posey. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that teaching assignments in ACC-H will likely continue to deteriorate with the hiring freezes, and as (more) current ACC-H faculty are placed on full-time research assignments in order gear up for the AACSB’s maintenance of accreditation visit in 2012.

Note also that the seven CoB-GC teaching assignments cover all of the possible nights (i.e., M, T, W, and R) that courses are offered at CoB-GC, plus additional times during the day on M, T, and R. It is also interesting that *two* of the CoB’s *four* named professors – *McCarty Distinguished Professor of Management Information Systems* Chang-Tseh Hsieh and *Draughn Distinguished Associate Professor of Healthcare Marketing* Michael Wittmann – are being made to drive to CoB-GC for teaching purposes during spring 2009. According to USMNEWS.net sources, this aspect of the spring 2009 teaching schedule is nothing short of bush league.