

Special Report

Sorry Lot

An Investigative Report on CoB Attendance on the Council of Chairs

Our earlier *Special Report* entitled [Too Cool for School](#) focused on the administrative service dereliction of EFIB chairman George Carter. That particular *Special Report* indicated that Carter attended only **22.2%** of the meetings of USM's Council of Chairs occurring from 11-Aug-05 to 4-May-06. Combined with tourism management chair Cheri Becker's lackluster attendance record of just **66.7%**, CoB chairs (Carter and Becker) attended only **44.4%** of the 2005-06 CoC meetings.



George Carter



Cheri Becker

This *Special Report* re-visits the [Too Cool for School](#) theme by examining CoC attendance rates in the fall of 2008. During that time, CoB members on the CoC included Carter (EFIB), David Duhon (MGT&MKT and TM), and Steven Jackson (SAIS). As with our earlier *Special Report*, this one uses data available on the [CoC's website](#).

Table 1
Council of Chairs Service Dereliction, Fall 2008

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>CoB Reps Present</u>	<u>CoB Reps Absent</u>
5-Nov-08	Carter, George	Duhon, David Jackson, Steven
2-Oct-08		Carter, George Duhon, David Jackson, Steven
11-Sept-08	Duhon, David	Carter, George Jackson, Steven

As Table 1 above indicates, Jackson failed to attend even one CoC meeting during fall 2008 semester. Of course, this translates into a **0.0%** attendance rate. Carter and Duhon each attended only one of the meetings – Carter on 5-Nov-08 (i.e., the final meeting) and Duhon on 11-Sept-08 (i.e., the first meeting). By attending only one meeting each, Carter

and Duhon both score a **33.3%** attendance rate. These summary data are presented in Table 2 below, along with the aggregate attendance rate for the CoB chairmen.

Table 2
CoB Council of Chairs Representatives' Attendance Percentages, Fall 2008

<u>Council of Chairs Rep</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Carter, George	33.3
Duhon, David	33.3
Jackson, Steven	0.0
All Combined	22.2

As Table 2 indicates, the CoB chairs' aggregate attendance rate (fall 2008) on the CoC is a pitifully low **22.2%**. This figure is *embarrassingly* low, at least for CoB dean Lance Nail. The addition of Duhon and Jackson to the CoC mix has only exacerbated the bad behaviors of long-time EFIB (or EIB) chairman George Carter (1989-1997 and 2005-present).



David Duhon



Steven Jackson

Of course, compounding this situation is the fact that Carter is paid \$130,940/year, while Duhon earns \$117,510/year. Combined with Jackson's SAIS directorship salary, these three are collectively earning about \$360,000 in salary alone. If one assumes each gets \$20,000 in fringes, then the collective total across these three CoC derelicts is more like \$420,000. Due to a serious lack of administrative control over these chairs by Nail, adding his (Nail's) salary (\$225,000) and fringes (\$20,000), for a combined sum of about **\$665,000** is, according to sources, a reasonable approach to looking at the level of taxpayers' resources that are tied up in this sordid little episode.