

Special Report

USM's 'Kaetsu Court'

USM public relations specialist Van Arnold introduced what some refer to as USM's "Kaetsu Court" via his 18-May-2010 [press](#) release on the relationship between USM and Japan's Kaetsu University. The relationship began, as Arnold explains, decades ago after former CoB economist Eddie Lewis, who is now with USM's cross-town rival William Carey University, visited Japan and developed close ties with KU officials. That relationship grew to provide the CoB with the *Kaetsu Distinguished Professorship in International Business*, though that title has had some curious holders throughout the years. Included among this curious group is current holder David Duhon, a professor of management who sources say does not hold any *real* IB credentials.



Simon Clay, Ryuichi Himori, Martha Saunders and David Duhon

USM's Kaetsu court is pictured above (courtesy of Arnold's presser). Shown there are Simon Clay, associate professor in KU's b-school, KU vice president Ryuichi Himori, USM president Martha Saunders and CoB management/IB chairman David Duhon. The USMNEWS.net archives section is filled with stories and editorials about Duhon's controversial promotion to full professor, as well as stories and editorials about the various controversies that have plagued the Saunders administration of USM.