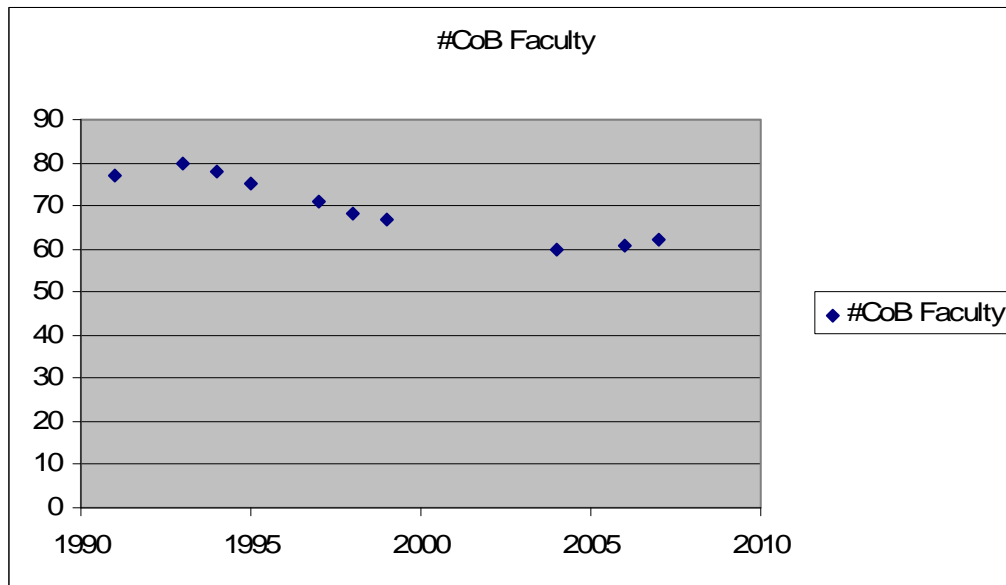


Special Report

Withering on the Vine?

A Look at the CoB Faculty Numbers, 1991-2007

The recent *Special Report* about the merit raises of CoB Deans ("Dean ME") revealed some data that represent a disturbing trend facing USM's College of Business. Since the early 1990s, the CoB's faculty ranks have fallen from 80 faculty (1993) to 62 faculty (2007). This represents a 22.5 percent decline in the number of faculty over the 15-year period.¹ The picture from 1991 to 2007 is represented in the figure below:



While former CBA Dean Tyrone Black presided over the CoB's high-water mark (1993-97) -- in terms of both the number of faculty and the quality of the College -- another former Dean, D. Harold Doty, appears to have reigned over the CoB's low-water mark (2003-06), and on both accounts (one shown above).

You wouldn't know the CoB had only 62 faculty by visiting its website, which still touts the CoB as having 80 faculty along with 2,400 graduate and undergraduate students (see insert at the end of this report). Of course, it's possible that the CoB does have 80 faculty. The data in the figure above are taken from the "Merit Raises" series in the Archives of USMNEWS.NET. That means that if there are 80 faculty, 18 or more failed to get a 2007 merit raise. If so, don't you think we would have felt the earthquake that would've brought on?

¹ Another decline like that one over the 2007-2021 period will leave USM's CoB with just 48 faculty.



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About the College of Business

Established as the Division of Commerce in 1947 to serve the needs of returning veterans, today the College of Business is one of five degree-granting colleges at Southern Miss with 80 faculty members spanning multiple campuses and educating more than 2,400 undergraduate and graduate students.

The College of Business is fully accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. This organization is the premier accrediting agency for collegiate management education worldwide.

With small classes taught by full-time business professors in a friendly atmosphere, the College of Business contributes to students' personal and professional development and provides a solid foundation for an exciting career in business and related fields anywhere in the world.

On the undergraduate level, the college offers degrees in accounting, business administration, economics, fashion merchandising, finance, international business, marketing, management, management information systems and tourism management.

On the graduate level, the college offers the Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accountancy programs.



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