

## ***Special Report***

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#### **A Look at the Service Dereliction of the EFIB's Chairman**

Reporters at usmnews.net have received tips indicating that EFIB Chairman George Carter has not been living up to his service responsibilities. Table 1 below presents data on the CoB's Council of Chairs representatives' presence/absence at Council of Chairs meetings during the 2005-06 academic year. This information comes from the Council of Chair's website -- <http://www.usm.edu/coc/>.<sup>1</sup>

**Table 1**  
**Council of Chairs Service Dereliction, 2006-07**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>CoB Reps Present</b>	<b>CoB Reps Absent</b>
4-May-2006	Becker, Cheri	Carter, George
6-April-2006		Becker, Cheri
		Carter, George
2-March-2006	Becker, Cheri	Carter, George
2-February-2006	Becker, Cheri	Carter, George
12-January-2006	Carter, George	Becker, Cheri
1-December-2005	Becker, Cheri	Carter, George
3-November-2005	Becker, Cheri	Carter, George
29-September-2005		Becker, Cheri
		Carter, George
11-August-2005	Becker, Cheri	
	Carter, George	

As Table 1 above points out, EFIB Chairman George Carter missed 7 of the 9 Council of Chairs meetings that he was expected, as a CoB representative, to attend (over the 2005-06 academic year). This translates into an attendance percentage of just 22.2 percent. Carter's Council of Chairs attendance percentage for the 2005-06 academic year, along with that of Tourism Management's Cheri Becker, is shown below in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**CoB Council of Chairs Representatives' Attendance Percentages, 2005-06**

<b>Council of Chairs Rep</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>
Becker, Cheri	66.7
Carter, George	22.2
All Combined	44.4

Neither of the CoB Council of Chairs attendance percentages (over 2005-06) shown in Table 2 above is stellar. Though much higher than Carter's, Becker's 2005-06 attendance did not surpass

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<sup>1</sup> The Council of Chairs' website does not list any "Minutes" for the 2006-07 academic year. Thus, the 2006-07 and 2005-07 attendance percentages of Becker, Carter or any other CoB Council of Chairs representative could not be computed.

the 70 percent mark (at 66.7 percent). Also, the overall attendance percentage for the CoB's Council of Chairs representatives (over 2005-07) was a disappointing 44.4 percent.<sup>2</sup>

As usmnews.net has reported on a number of occasions, Carter's resignation from the EFIB's 2006-07 Faculty Governance Committee was the major act in what is being referred to as "Black Tuesday" in the CoB. Sources say that on that day Carter and others argued that he (Carter) had the right to withdraw himself, as department chair, from the 3-person governance committee. As this report shows, Carter seems to believe that his right to pick-and-choose which administrative and service responsibilities he lives up to may extend well beyond faculty governance. And, nowhere have we seen any evidence to indicate that Carter seems willing to dock portions of his Chairman's salary (now at \$130,000 per year) for every administrative/service responsibility that he chooses to pardon himself from fulfilling.

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<sup>2</sup> The Council of Chairs' website states that each College has three representatives on the Council. This means that either the Director of SAIS or the Chair of Management & Marketing should have also been serving on the CoC during 2005-06. Neither was ever present. The attendance ratio for that un-named individual would be 0.0 percent, and inclusion of this un-named individual would lower the CoB's overall attendance percentage to 29.6 percent.