

Special Report

Why does Donna Davis have Access to SEDONA? **An Investigative Series on Research Credentials of CoB Faculty**

If you've been keeping up with usmpride.com then you know by now that Donna Davis (Professor of MIS) has been chosen by Dean Harold Doty to serve as the CoB's SEDONA Coordinator. As she told readers at USM Forum --- No Quarter Message Board, it is she and she alone who is responsible for the accuracy of everyone's SEDONA records.

A number of stories have circulated concerning the benefits that Davis received along with this new position. It has been stated that she is now allowed to sit in on the annual evaluations meeting, **a point she denied at No Quarter**. It was also pointed out there that she gets a one-course release from the 3-course teaching load. She did not deny that point at No Quarter. Now we hear that she has a graduate assistant to assist her in all matters related to SEDONA.

Dr. Davis is not above politicking for a position such as SEDONA Coordinator, and it may be that she did, and was successful. What we do know is that she is the sole rank-and-file faculty member who has access to the CoB's SEDONA records --- and we do mean all of them. However, as readers at usmpride.com are well aware, copies of all SEDONA records as they existed on 2 May 2006 are circulating around campus. We thought it might be worthwhile to give usmpride.com readers a glimpse of Professor Davis' SEDONA file as it existed on 2 May 2006.

The one area we concentrate on in this report is her **Refereed Publications** section of SEDONA. A synopsis of what we found is presented in the table below, using journal rankings from *EFP-revised*.

Table 1				
Donna Davis' Refereed Publications				
<u>Year</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Other</u>
2005	0	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0	1
<u>2001</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	0	0	0	1

So, as Table 1 above points out, using her own SEDONA file usmpride.com is able to conclude that CoB Dean D. Harold Doty turned over complete access to all CoB SEDONA files to a faculty member (Davis) who has only **one** refereed publication over the 2001-2005 period. And, *that* single publication falls into the "Other" quality category.

Put differently, CoB Dean D. Harold Doty turned over the job of SEDONA Coordinator to a tenured professor of MIS (Davis) who is **not** "academically qualified" by AACSB standards ("3 in 5"). It could easily be said that this episode represents yet another of the many failings of the D. Harold Doty Administration in the College of Business at USM.