

# The Dotys are Vulnerable . . . . . Maybe

How Kicking ECO 336 to the Curb may Impact Some CoB Faculty Members

Now that the CoB has [voted to eliminate](#) the ECO 336 (international economics) requirement in the core curriculum, more than just former CoB economist Charles Sawyer's [textbook income](#) will likely be impacted. As enrollments in ECO 336 plummet, CoB administrators will have to begin to reduce the number of ECO 336 sections offered. When that happens, various ECO faculty will be scrambling to take ownership of sections of ECO 101, 201 and 202. Others will be racing towards BA 301 and 303. That will put CoB economics instructor Susan Doty out on the plank, \$50,000 per year salary and all. Can the Dotys stand an annual income hit of \$50,000? Not likely, especially since they only recently took about a \$20,000 income loss when former CoB dean Harold Doty "resigned" his administrative post in early April of 2007.

Is this how it will end for Ms. Doty? Not necessarily. Even *if* she is expelled from ECO, you can bet that Harold and his allies will be working to secure a spot for Ms. Doty in management. After all, she *was once* a major force in the biotechnology industry (to hear them tell it), and she does hold an MBA ('82) from Bryant University. If a push is made to move Ms. Doty down the hall and into MGT, expect those in management who might be threatened (i.e., Wanda Fennell and Amy Sevier) to point out, and rightly so, that Ms. Doty is supposed to be an economist. It will be at that point that Harold and his allies will swear off her ever having been put in a position to teach *economics* to CoB sophomores. In doing so, the pro-Susan alliance will be channeling (sounding like) USMNEWS.net reports and editorials that have long been pointing out the obvious flaws in the logic of placing her atop economics education for South Mississippi.

Yes, this is the way the CoB works. Memories are short. Thus, this game is played over and over and over. Let's not forget that tourism management instructor Evelyn Green was once in charge of the student recreation center. That was before she was a smartboard expert, and now a TM specialist. With all of that, Green somehow also owns/manages an interior redesign firm. Remember, before Farooq Malik was a finance faculty in Hattiesburg he was an economics faculty on the MS Gulf Coast. And, before George Carter taught stats, he taught economics. Before economics, it was ethics. MIS' Fujun Lai teaches ops management for MGT. MGT's David Duhon is the chairman of TM. Enough said?

Whatever happens with the Dotys, and others, as a result of the recent ECO 336 vote remains to be seen. This report simply provides a forecast.