

# *The ECO Terminal*

A Newsletter Relating to the Elimination of Economics Programs

## **Dakhlia Back in Focus**

CoB associate professor of economics Sami Dakhlia (pictured below) appears to now be the focus of discussions over at the website [Economics Job Market Rumors](#). This is so because he is believed to be the individual attempting to let the economics community know about the plight of the CoB's economists, who were all recently terminated by the USM administration in an attempt to save \$1 million in state funding. This focus on Dakhlia is likely not good for his future prospects, at least according to sources. As long-time readers of USMNEWS.net remember, Dakhlia was, to use George Carter's term, "canned" by the University of Alabama before joining USM's economics department in 2006. Dakhlia's hiring was, in fact, an extension of a long-established ECO practice of hiring economists who failed on the tenure track at other institutions. That practice is believed to have been established by Carter, with the encouragement of former CoB economist Charles Sawyer.



As reported here at USMNEWS.net many times, Dakhlia has not published a journal article since 2006. And, the articles he published in 2006 were written while he was on faculty at UA, meaning that since his arrival in 2006 Dakhlia has yet to complete an article and see it through to publication. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that it is apparent by his behavior in JAG that Dakhlia is not the truly "research-active" type of economics faculty that the CoB has had in past years.

Finally, Dakhlia was the leader of the now infamous "mobbing episode" that targeted a CoB accounting professor, an event that occurred at the end of the May 2007 CoB faculty meeting. That role put Dakhlia in the middle of a subsequent United State Federal Court proceeding involving a number of CoB faculty. That proceeding is still ongoing.

## **USM AAUP Chapter to Meet on Budget Cuts**

The USM Chapter of the AAUP is set to hold a [Special AAUP General Meeting](#) on 20-Sept-09 at 12:15 p.m. in USM's Cook Library room 123. Though a meeting agenda does not appear on the organization's website, the plight of the CoB economists will likely be a major focus of that gathering. CoB economics professor Mark Klinedinst is a highly-placed member of the USM chapter of the AAUP. He has been one of the budget cuts most vocal critics, having provided [INSIDE HIGHER ED](#) magazine with some scathing comments about the USM administration vis-à-vis the elimination of the economics majors. The impact of that article appears to have been minor, however, at least judging by the comments left by readers.