

This is Not the Report You Are Looking For

How many of you read Doty's email, then read the reports (that is asking a lot, given their length, I know), and then were extremely confused by the contrast between the two? It is as if Harold saying it is fine makes it fine. I know he did that so many faculty would not – at least initially – read the reports. Do you remember the *Star Wars* scene when Luke, Obi Wan, and the droids are about to hook-up with Han? Storm Troopers stop their vehicle and Obi Wan, using The Force and an old Jedi Master mind trick, tells the Troopers "These are not the droids you are looking for". The Troopers then repeat "These are not the droids we are looking for. Move along."

Harold wants the mindless to believe all is good because he said so. The details say otherwise. A sixth year visit – probation – is never a good thing. Period. If you think it is, then you, Harold, must have thought the death penalty was coming, in which case you lied all along saying things were generally good. When did you lie, Harold? Or is that easy: both times, since your lips were moving.

If Doty had any mind tricks, we would have seen the results long ago. Harold likes to use "force", but not The Force. He forces and bullies those he can to get them to do what they can for him. That obviously is not leadership, and it is pitiful management at best. If all you have is the brute force of your office, Harold, you have nearly nothing. And like the emperor with no clothes, it is showing more and more.

After more attempts with smoke and mirrors to further obfuscate the truth of the reports, you will try to stalk the halls being, in your mind, Darth Vader looking for victims to turn or crush. If anyone at all, you resemble an Ewok, only more irritating and far less cuddly. Your statements are every bit as understood as the Ewok language. Perhaps the Forest Moon of Endor has a college of business that needs a dean; you may have a shot at that position, unlike Clemson.

The Force is with us always.