

# UT-Tyler President Balks

## *Harold Doty Remains in Charge of Institution's Business School*

Reports coming into USMNEWS.net's news offices indicate that Harold Doty, the dean of [the business school](#) at the University of Texas-Tyler, remains in charge of that organization despite a [flurry of accusations](#) of financial mismanagement, nepotism, violations of employment policies/laws, and willful mishandling of official university records, among others. A community-level push to oust Doty, spearheaded by [a local group](#) calling itself "Concerned Community of Tyler Businesses," was well underway when UT-Tyler president Rod Mabry [called an early morning meeting](#) of UT-Tyler business faculty on 21-Feb-2011 in order to address [the ongoing turmoil](#) at the East Texas institution. Unlike the Shelby Thames administration of USM (2002-07), however, the Mabry administration of UT-Tyler balked when presented with the opportunity to rid UT-Tyler of Doty, as the 21-Feb-2011 meeting came and went without any movement among the UT-Tyler b-school administration. Reports now coming into USMNEWS.net indicate, instead, that Mabry and other UT-Tyler central administrators are hoping that this recent "Doty controversy" will simply blow over and be forgotten.



Dr. Rodney H. Mabry

Sources, some of whom predicted Mabry's latest decision to stick with Doty, tell USMNEWS.net that Mabry's *inaction* in this regard may mark the beginning of the end of his own administration of the overall institution. Referring to Doty as now likely being "drunk with power," sources point out that Doty's history of retributions at USM suggests that he will attempt to settle scores with those at UT-Tyler who he perceives to be his enemies. This process, sources state, will likely involve surreptitious use of local media outlets in an effort to position himself against Mabry and other UT-Tyler administrators. These moves worked, at least to some extent, against various members of the Thames administration while Doty was dean of USM's CoB (2003-07). Sources remind readers that in those days Doty leaked various internal university documents

and memoranda to local news media, and he spent significant amounts of “university time” conferring with private legal counsel.

The fact that former UT-Tyler vice president Gregg Lassen and UT-Tyler provost Peter Fos, two former controversial figures in the Thames administration at USM, are both out or on the way out, while Doty and his lieutenant Stephen Bushardt, another controversial USM transplant, remain at UT-T, is a strange turn of events. Given this outcome, UT-Tyler will be a higher educational institution worth paying some attention to over the coming weeks and months. With Doty “stirred up,” sources say things may get even more chaotic at the Tyler-based university.