

WHY CARTER MUST GO

Over the holidays, the editor and contributors have given considerable thought to this matter and have concluded that CARTER MUST GO? In fact, we have received opinion pieces from other contributors on this important subject which we will be publishing over the next several weeks.

Why must George Carter, current Chairman of Economics, Finance and International Business, go?

Because Chairman Carter unilaterally overturns lawfully voted faculty governance while invoking a “hurtful” language bogymen? No, that’s just outwitting the faculty who want to believe in shared governance.

Because of accreditation materials copied from another University’s website and published to the AACSB without attribution? No. According to Chairman Carter everybody does it and as long as Dean Doty defines it as not meeting minimal sufficiency for plagiarism, that’s not a problem either. And, with support of other administrators, how can Doty be wrong? After all, the Vice President for Research and the University Ombudsman claim there’s no mechanism for investigating administrative plagiarism. Therefore, we are left to assume there can be no administrative plagiarism.

Because Chairman Carter assigns retaliatory teaching schedules? No, faculty must be shown their place when they reveal administrative double-dealing;

Because Chairman Carter bullies and threatens junior faculty? No. That’s to properly cower faculty so that they will be trained to be obedient, if and when they are blessed with tenure for being nice guys.

The reason CARTER MUST GO is because he dared criticize Dean D. Harold Doty. Just before Christmas the following email was circulated by Chairman Carter, in response to our reporting some of Chairman. Carter’s opinions about Dean Doty.

Date: Sat, 23 Dec 2006 14:16:05 -0600
From: George Carter <George.Carter@usm.edu>
Reply-To: EFIB Department <cob-ecfinintbus@usm.edu>
Subject: [Cob-ecfinintbus] Audio Clip
To: 'Harold Doty' <Harold.Doty@usm.edu>

Dean Doty,

By now, I am sure that you have heard the audio clip on usmpride.com in which I make disparaging remarks about you. I remember making those remarks to Sean Salter as we discussed the loss of Doug Witte as a finance professor. The remarks were totally inappropriate at the time and remain so today. Their public posting on the Internet demands that I make a public apology, hence the EFIB listserv as a copy addee. I deeply regret making the remarks, and in particular, I deeply regret the unpleasantness that you must have felt on hearing the

remarks. I cannot undo the conversation with Sean, but I do hope that you will find in your heart the willingness to forgive me for this transgression. I am very sorry.

As copy addrees, I request that Barry, Cheri and Stan forward this apology to their departmental listservs.

George

It is interesting to note that Chairman. Carter does not deny his belief in the truth of the comments, but instead acknowledges only that they were “inappropriate.”

Based on Chairman. Carter’s comments and various faculty members’ interactions with CoB administrators, we have put together a series of reasons why CARTER MUST GO.

1. The embarrassment is more that Dean Doty can bear. Chairman Carter’s saying “It’s just something about him . . . it’s who he is. And, to me, he’s not somebody I want to be around. . . I can’t take him” in private is one thing.
2. Allowing Chairman Carter’s disgust for the Dean to become public is entirely unforgivable.
3. We cannot let the @#! get away with this. If Chairman Carter gets away with criticizing the Dean in public, just think what other administrators might say in public – not to mention what faculty might say.
4. Chairman Carter revealed information that was or should have been “secret and confidential.” For example Chairman Carter saying, “Doty’s a jerk.”
5. The inner sanctum of administration is sacrosanct. Administrators cannot let outsiders—non-administrators—know what they think.
6. Chairman Carter broke administrative ranks – totally unforgivable

And, most of all, when he goes, Chairman Carter should remember what he tells his subordinates when he punishes them for not being “company men,” “there is a price for everything.”