

Will a Wise Doty Save Any ECOers?

During the recent two-month battle to save themselves, some of the CoB's 9 economists described (on Internet message sites) former CoB dean Harold Doty as wise, recalling the way Doty dismissed the economic development faculty from USM's b-school. Now that a deal has apparently been struck that has the five most senior ECO faculty retiring, one wonders if Doty will now see fit, in his new capacity as dean of the b-school at the University of Texas – Tyler, to save any of his admirers.

It's difficult to imagine that Doty would save former EFIB chairman George Carter. After all, Carter spoke of Doty in the foulest of ways back when the two worked hand-in-hand in the CoB administration. He might save some of the junior faculty, who sources say struck up a real kinship with Doty during his Hattiesburg days. Whether or not UTT has any funds to bring them over is another issue, however, and one that would not likely play out in the ECOers favor. Still, seeing *Harold Doty* referred to in glowing terms by the economics faculty is a strange chapter in this story. Some might have guessed that good ol' Dean *Fun Money* might have escaped mention in this latest drama. That was not to be, thanks to the economists.