

Zantow Ousted as Grad Programs Director

Stories are circulating around USM's b-school that associate professor of management Kenneth Zantow has been ousted as the CoB's graduate programs director. Appointed to the position by new CoB dean Lance Nail in the fall of 2008, Zantow began his duties in Jan-09. As such, an ouster at this point would mean that Zantow survived in the position for only a single semester (5 months). Such a brief stint is, however, supported by the numerous letters received by USMNEWS.net in recent weeks and months indicating that Zantow was performing poorly in his new role and that his attitude was holding up even worse than his performance. Interestingly, Zantow is a Harold Doty protégé and supporter, having met the former CoB dean about 20 years ago during their years together at Arkansas. Some CoBers expressed surprise that Nail failed to de-Dotyfy the CoB's administrative ranks back in July-08 by retaining the likes of George Carter (EFIB chair) and Steven Jackson (SAIS director). Thus, Nail's hiring of Zantow, a Doty protégé/supporter, five months after coming on board, more than surprised some CoBers.