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*usmnews.net Reporter* . . . . . **DEVELOPING STORY**

LONG BEACH --- Staff at *usmnews.net Reporter* have learned that the faculty grievance that was filed a few short weeks ago – a story broken by usmnews.net at that time – was filed by assistant professor of management Daniel Michael. Michael, a member of the USMGC campus’ business faculty, filed that grievance after receiving a negative decision on his 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tenure Review application, which was submitted this academic year (i.e., 2006-2007). Sources tell *usmnews.net Reporter* that Michael’s grievance process has not been without its share of controversy. Information submitted to our offices indicates that, in the presence of a number of CoB faculty members, CoB Dean Harold Doty made disparaging and prejudicial comments about Michael’s vitae and the merits of Michael’s grievance packet. According to sources, Doty told a number of faculty (paraphrasing): *He [Michael] is complaining that he [Michael] had \$30,000 in damage to his home [as a result of Katrina], and that hampered his research. Well, I had \$80,000 in damage [to my home, as a result of Katrina] and I still out-published him.*

As a result of the negative Review decision, Michael will receive a “terminal letter” and be faced with a “terminal contract” for the 2007-2008 academic. In mid-May of 2008, Michael will no longer be employed by the College of Business at the University of Southern Mississippi. Daniel’s negative 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Tenure Review decision is the second in as many years in the CoB. Last year assistant professor of finance, Larry Eisenberg, received a negative Review decision and was handed a terminal contract by EFIB Chair George Carter for the 2006-2007 academic year. However, Eisenberg surprised everyone in the CoB by resigning his position in the EFIB near the end of the summer of 2006 in order to take a position at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, a Tier II institution (*USNWR’s America’s Best Colleges*, 2007 edition).