

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

**April 3, 2007**

HATTIESBURG --- Two new theories have just emerged regarding CoB Dean Harold Doty's consolidation of all business law courses/faculty in the CoB (see 4/2/07 story below). One comes from an anonymous reader of usmnews.net. That theory is described below, in the readers own words:

My guess is that moving Ernie King is more about shifting his vote from EFIB, where it makes a difference on some issues, to SAIS, where his vote will usually be meaningless. If the Dean is worried about Farhang, he can always send him packing back to EFIB.

Whatever the reason, there is no reason to believe that the move is focused on better serving CoB students, whose wellbeing is being sacrificed in one political infight after the other,

The message above clearly conveys one of the useful models for describing how things are now working inside USM's College of Business under the Deanship of D. Harold Doty.

The second theory appeared today in the form of a new "Speculation Station" entry at usmnews.net. According to the text of that entry:

**Speculation Station** On Friday, March 30, 2007, Dean D. Harold Doty precipitously and without consulting the Director of the School of Accounting and Information Systems (SAIS) or professor(s) in question, **moved all business law courses to SAIS**. A quick visit to Dean Doty's current dream job at Clemson may tell us why. If you check the Clemson College of Business web page you will find the following department name: **School of Accounting and Legal Studies**. We speculate Dean Doty is trying to show how well he would fit in with the Clemson philosophy as he pursues a deanship there. We wish him well and trust that Clemson will show the same poor judgment as USM and hire him. Perhaps under his leadership Clemson can also enjoy the positive momentum of AACSB continuing review (probation). For more from Speculation Station, **[click here](#)**.

Clearly, both theories have merit. Only time will tell whether or not the move of business law courses/faculty serves any real purpose, and whether or not Doty has any shot at the Dean's job at Clemson University. Sources are leaning towards "no" on both counts.

**April 2, 2007**

HATTIESBURG --- It appears that CoB Dean Harold Doty has once again diminished the in-house political power of CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand. As CoB faculty left work on Friday evening (3/30/2007), or were arriving to work on Monday morning (4/2/2007), they were met by the following e-mail from Doty, announcing the consolidation of all business law courses/faculty in the CoB:

**Date:** Fri, 30 Mar 2007  
**From:** Harold Doty <Harold.Doty@usm.edu>  
**To:** cob-facstaff@usm.edu  
**Cc:** "Dr. Jay Grimes" <Jay.Grimes@usm.edu>  
**Subject:** [Cob-facstaff] Relocation of Business Law Classes

I am consolidating all business law offerings into one department.

Effective at the end of this term, all business law courses will be offered by the SAIS. All relevant professors, instructors, adjuncts, etc. will report to the SAIS Director.

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As far as *usmnews.net Reporter* staff can tell, this "consolidati[on]" effort will only involve associate professor of business law Ernest King's movement from the EFIB Department and into the SAIS. However, this single move is not without significant consequences for the EFIB, Niroomand's home department. According to data obtained from USM President Shelby Thames' office, this move involves the EFIB's loss of a faculty line valued at \$86,360.22. At the same time, tuition revenues amounting to about \$300,000 per year will also move with King from the EFIB Department into the SAIS. At this level, King exceeds the second highest tuition revenue producer in the EFIB by about \$30,000 per year (see [http://www.usmnews.net/CoB\\_2005\(1\).06.pdf](http://www.usmnews.net/CoB_2005(1).06.pdf) for more information).