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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.com 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 and into the SAIS. At this level, King exceeded 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).