

Another Doty Scam Uncovered: Economics Hiring 2007

Previous reports at www.usmpride.com uncovered the strong connections among Harold Doty, Susan Doty, the Mississippi Council on Economic Education (MCEE), the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at USM (BBER), and the Center for Economic Education at USM (CEE). To recap, Harold Doty is a board member of the MCEE and Dean of the USM CoB, which oversees the BBER, which in turn oversees the CEE. Susan Doty is the “lead educator” for the MCEE, working primarily through the CEE at USM. Confused? Don’t be. The Dotys might as well be running an Amway, Shaklee, or Mary Kay franchise out of their Canebrake home, though the current setup does provide layers of obfuscation to those who might question the various arrangements with less real oversight than those national organizations would supply.

Ignore for the moment the fact that Harold Doty has considerable influence over his wife’s career (in most states, this would be strictly forbidden by anti-nepotism laws, but, hey – it’s Mississippi!). Let’s examine all the layers of insulation Harold is providing Susan.

During January 4-7, 2007 there will be an all out effort to feather the Dotys’ nest even more – and at the taxpayers’ expense, no less. It is during that period that economics professors George Carter and Charles Sawyer, along with education professor David Daves, will be conducting preliminary interviews for the position of Director of the CEE at USM. Note the following passages from Doty’s charge to Carter regarding the position for Director of the CEE.

“This appointment will be a nine-month, tenure-track appointment in your department, but the selected person will report to me as Director of the Center for Economic Education. I plan for the selected person to teach one course per semester while carrying out the extensive duties of establishing and operating an organized Center.” [emphasis added]

“Consequently, I request that the department faculty submit at least three unranked names to me as viable candidates for the position. I will confer with representatives of the Mississippi Council for Economic Education, the Dean of the College of Education and Psychology, and others in selecting one candidate for the position.”

As indicated by the preceding quote from Doty’s charge to Carter, Carter, Sawyer, and Daves (with the “assistance” (want to guess just how much input the masses will have?) of faculty) will select a “short list” of 3 candidates from which Harold Doty will select the finalist. To translate that into common terms, Harold Doty will be selecting the immediate supervisor for his wife, Susan Doty. According to Harold Doty’s own words, the Director of the CEE will report directly to him [Harold Doty]. So, there will be no layer of oversight between Harold Doty and whoever is chosen to supervise Susan Doty, unless it is provided by the Director of the USM BBER, currently filled by economics professor (and former CoB dean) William Gunther.

In a more recent development, Carter, Sawyer, and Gunther will also be searching for a Director for the BBER, currently headed by Gunther. Previous reports at www.usmpride.com have called into question Gunther's productivity in that role. Now, it seems, Harold Doty wants to hire another individual to help protect his wife Susan.

Doty's charge to Carter in this matter follows:

"This appointment will be a nine-month, tenure-track appointment in your department and on the Coast budget, but the selected person will report to me as Director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research. I plan for the selected person to teach one course per semester while carrying out the extensive duties of establishing and operating an organized Bureau." [emphasis added]

"Consequently, I request that the department faculty submit at least three unranked names to me as viable candidates for the position. I will confer with members of the community, leaders in South Mississippi business, and others in selecting one candidate for the position."

So with this hire, Doty is removing any possibility for oversight into his wife's boondoggle at the MCEE and USM. To represent this graphically, we utilize the following organizational chart for Susan Doty's position:

