

(April 15, 2007) Yesterday's editorial observed that "Doty now shares the status of other failed administrators and hangers-on being paid a fortune. Lucas, Ginn, Thames, Henderson, Gunther, Doty, and the list goes on." However, I omitted a key player from the list: Roderick Posey.

What has Dr. Posey's role in CoB administration been? He has held numerous positions in CoB administration, up to and including, Interim Dean. Most recently, he participated as Director of the School of Accounting and Information Systems, departing that job about six months before the most recent AACSB continuing review.

On February 27, 2006, Director Posey sent out an email announcing, "Colleagues, Effective August 15, 2006, I will resign my position as Director of the School of Accountancy and Information Systems. I reluctantly accepted the position of Director in 2003 . . . During these three years, the faculty has regained its intellectual momentum and is now well on track for accreditation review."

In early February, 2007 the AACSB visitation team recommended continuing review (probation) and found:

"there is as described above an **inadequate level of peer-reviewed journal articles** particularly in areas related to teaching assignments. The expectations as well as the **output are particularly weak** for a school that offers a Masters of Public Accountancy degree program. In addition, a relatively large proportion of the peer-reviewed work consists of **brief intellectual contributions which suggest an absence of the depth** necessary to make one confident that faculty development is in fact taking place through the production of these contributions."

(Emphasis added.) Team Visit Report –Maintenance of Accreditation Review, The University of Southern Mississippi School of Accountancy and Information Systems.

Dr. Posey, what happened? In the few months between your resignation and the AACSB visit, did the faculty not only loose, but reverse, their intellectual momentum? Of course not. They never had "intellectual momentum." The facts indicate that you failed to understand what it would take to be successfully re-accredited.

Over the years how many tens of thousands of dollars did state taxpayers invest in sending Dr. Posey and Dr. James Crockett—another former long term administrator—to meetings, ostensibly to learn AACSB ways?