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## **Knee-roo-mand**

The 14-Jan-09 University of Houston -- Victoria [press release](#) announcing the School of Business' new dean, former CoB associate dean Farhang Niroomand, came with a pronunciation guide to the soon-to-be-former-CoBer's surname. The pronunciation guide -- "Knee-roo-mand." Unfortunately for UH-V business faculty, that's about all the press release contained, at least as far as things of value go. There were no details about how Niroomand played a major role in "running off" so many CoB faculty over the years. From instructors to assistant professors to associate professors to fulls, no academic rank was spared "the 'hang." The presser also failed to recognize Knee-roo-mand's unique ability to degrade and demoralize CoB staff, particularly the females. He was so adept at it one almost had to assume he enjoyed honing the craft. We can only hope that at UH-V it does not rise to level [testified to](#) in a United States District Court proceeding by CoB accounting instructor Patty Munn.

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