

BREAKING NEWS

Niroomand Does It

HATTIESBURG – With her 14-Jan-09 **NewsWire** release, the University of Houston–Victoria's Paula Cobler told the world that UH-V has chosen the CoB's Farhang Niroomand as its new dean.



Cobler's release, entitled "UHV names award-winning business professor as new School of Business Administration dean," announced that UH-V's new dean is "a highly regarded economics and international business professor with extensive administrative experience and impressive teaching and research credentials . . ." USMNEWS.net sources were flabbergasted by this particular description of Niroomand, stating that Niroomand is not "highly regarded" anywhere beyond the Association for Global Business, where he holds the rank of "Amigo," nor does he have "impressive teaching and research credentials." Numerous reports available here at USMNEWS.net attest to sources' comments.



Niroomand, far left, and other Association for Global Business "Amigos" form tight bonds at an AGB conference.

These days it is difficult to stay ahead of USMNEWS.net reporters and sources. It was reported here via the **Breaking News** story, [Are the Eyes of Texas Upon Niroomand?](#), that sources not far from Niroomand were reporting before 9-Dec-

08 that he was set to become the next dean at UH-V. As Cobler's release makes clear, sources were once again correct.

UH-V President, former USM provost and long-time Niroomand friend Tim Hudson, told Cobler that Niroomand has ". . . stellar credentials, experience and collegiality . . .", making him a clear choice for UH-V business school faculty. CoB insiders, however, tell a different story. For one, Niroomand's academic credentials are no better than the CoB median. Second, Niroomand's only administrative experience with AACSB accreditation came with the CoB's failed 2007 AACSB maintenance review. Both Niroomand and former CoB dean Harold Doty shocked the USM family with their 9-April-07 resignations, shortly after the bad AACSB news reached that very community. It was only through the efforts of the new CoB administration of interim dean Alvin Williams, and his associate dean Joseph Peyrefitte, that the CoB was able to pass its "6th Year Review" (by AACSB) later that same year. Third, the idea that Niroomand is "collegial" baffles insiders and sources, who say that one could form a near-endless line of current and former CoB staffers, many of them women, who could attest to Niroomand's mean-spirited leadership style. Upon completion of these testimonies, sources indicate that a similar line of current and former CoB faculty could be formed and interviewed. Again, the results would not be pretty. Finally, some of the [discussions](#) that followed the initial story about Niroomand's UH-V candidacy were not very flattering either, harkening back to [elements](#) of accounting instructor Patty Munn's summer 2008 federal court testimony about Niroomand's behavior as CoB associate dean.



Farhang Niroomand



Tim Hudson

Niroomand's stint at UH-V begins on 1-July-9, about six months from now. When that day arrives, sources say that the UH-V business faculty are in for one wild ride.