

Brass on the Go?

A Look at the 2008-09 Job Search Possibilities Facing Doty, Gunther and Niroomand

With at least three current faculty seeking business dean posts elsewhere, USM's College of Business has to be considered *the* home to the most dean candidates nationwide for a b-school the size and caliber of USM's CoB. These three individuals are former CBA dean William Gunther, former CoB dean Harold Doty, and former CoB associate dean Farhang Niroomand. And if by some chance current CoB dean and current CoB associate dean Lance Nail and Joseph Peyrefitte, respectively, are looking to be deans elsewhere, then the real number is five, not three.



William Gunther



Harold Doty



Farhang Niroomand

As we begin the 2008-09 academic year, there are a number of top positions in b-schools listed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for these 3 (or 5) individuals to ponder. A partial list is below:

- Albany State University
- Ball State University
- Dowling College
- Eastern Oregon University
- George Mason University
- Indiana Institute of Technology
- Kennesaw State University
- Regis University
- Santa Clara University
- St. Louis Community College
- University of Houston -- Victoria
- University of Vermont

For now at least, there are 12 positions for this trio (or more) to consider. There are, however, some interesting possibilities. For Doty, Ball State University, Santa Clara University and the University of Vermont seem like possibilities. UV would put the Dotys back into "the great white North," which may or may not be under consideration by them at this point in time. The middle choice, SCU, might be an institution that will be too discerning for Doty's shot at the top post in the b-school there to be considered realistic. The first choice, though, might be a real possibility. One would think that a UT-Austin degree would be attractive to a school like BSU.

For Gunther there is an interesting possibility -- Albany State University, a small school located in SW Georgia. Gunther is not going to face any real shot at landing a dean's job at a larger, well-known institution like he did back in 1998 when he landed the CBA dean's post at USM. Those days have passed. However, ASU might not mind considering a candidate who is a threat to "retire on the job," as some think Gunther (1) did at USM from 1998-2003, and (2) would do at a place like ASU. For Gunther, ASU's proximity to Alabama's "Gold Coast," where Gunther maintains a large, permanent residence, would allow the Gunthers to spend significant amounts of time away from Georgia.

Niroomand will likely be very interested in the possibility offered by Kennesaw State University, which is located near Atlanta. Long-time readers of USMNEWS.net will recall that ATL was the destination of several of Niroomand's "academic visits" during the 59-month period wherein Niroomand, as associate dean, spent \$75,000 traveling the globe at taxpayers' expense. Landing the top position in the b-school at KSU would put Niroomand right in the backyard of the mystery destination from the past.

Finally, there is one institution that might work out for either Doty or Niroomand, and that one is the University of Houston -- Victoria. UH-V is an institution is headed by former USM provost, Tim Hudson, who is thought to have some ties to Niroomand, and is someone who recruited Doty to USM back in the spring of 2003.



Tim Hudson

Doty's Texas connections could give him the advantage on this one, however Niroomand claims to have been the member of the Doty-Niroomand administration to have "successfully solidified" USM's new College of Business back in 2004-05.