

CoB Flashback: April 23, 2006

In late April of 2006 the CoB's accrediting agency, the AACSB, held what former CoB dean, Harold Doty, referred to as its last annual meeting before the CoB's February of 2007 Maintenance of Accreditation visit. In a [memo](#) to former USM provost, Jay Grimes, Doty stated that the meeting was so important to the CoB's accreditation prospects that the CoB's entourage should include Doty, Farhang Niroomand (former CoB associate dean), Francis Daniel (former CoB director of graduate programs) and Gwen Pate (CoB director of undergraduate services).

The 2006 AACSB Annual Meeting was held in Paris, France, and it ran from 23-April-06 to 25-April-06. Both Doty and Niroomand attended the meeting. However, despite Doty's description of the meeting as a must attend affair, Niroomand blew off the first day of the meeting -- April 23, 2006 -- visiting France's famed Louvre. Not only that, Niroomand [submitted](#) the expenses associated with the Louvre visit to USM officials for reimbursement.

CoB officials never seemed to treat the CoB's 2007 Maintenance of Accreditation process seriously. It's no surprise, especially with stories like this one, that the CoB's AACSB Peer Review Team reached a "6th Year Review" (probation) decision in the spring of 2007.