

CoB News

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Hudson Out as UHV President; Has Niroomand Lost His Protector?

Former USM provost Tim Hudson [resigned his position](#) as president of the University of Houston at Victoria just before the beginning of the current academic year (2010-11) in order to become Special Assistant to the Chancellor (of the UH System) for International Programs and Initiatives. In a UHV presser (linked above), UHS Chancellor Renu Khator praised Hudson's prior work as UHV president, commending him for assisting UHV in becoming a "destination" university with 4,000 students. The move does, however, look to sources to be a demotion, which is a view shared by at least one poster ("USMtriedandtrue") to the *USM Forum Message Board*, [who describes](#) Hudson, pictured below, as having been "run out of Victoria" and now looking to become president of Western Illinois University. A visit to the WIU website confirmed that Hudson's interview visit is scheduled for 1-December-2010. A 12-August-2010 [article](#) by Jeannie Kever for *The Houston Chronicle*, which indicates that Hudson's salary will remain at \$270,000, seems to back up the idea that Khator no longer wanted Hudson to continue in his role as UHV president. When asked by Kever if the position change was a reflection on Hudson's tenure as president, Khator stated that "[h]is contract was up anyway . . . [h]e and I had long conversations about the best way to go." Hudson's first act as SACIPI was to take a [vacation](#), [reminding USMNEWS.net](#) sources [of the](#) 2007 CoB "retirements" [of](#) Harold Doty [and](#) Farhang Niroomand.



Tim Hudson



Farhang Niroomand

Long time readers of USMNEWS.net will recall that Niroomand, the CoB's associate dean from 1998-2007, was [hired](#) by Hudson in 2008 as [UHV's business school dean](#). However, with Hudson's resignation, Niroomand, pictured above, may have lost his "protector," possibly putting him in jeopardy should he engage in [shenanigans like those](#) he reportedly engaged in while at USM. (The fact that contacts from the UHV business school informed USMNEWS.net that the hiring of Niroomand was done in the proverbial dark of night suggests that little has changed about Niroomand's professional life.) Sources tell USMNEWS.net that if Hudson's attempt to become WIU's next president is successful, Niroomand's *dream job* may migrate northward, from Victoria, Texas, to Macomb, Illinois. Sources add that, at that point, Niroomand may be ready to become a provost, or some other executive in the WIU central administration.

More New Faces Hit Website

A couple of new faces have (finally) been uploaded to the CoB's faculty profiles webpages. These are Melinda Andrews and Wesley Pollitte, two assistant professors of marketing who were hired through

search processes that occurred during the interim administration of Alvin Williams back in 2007-08. Photos of Andrews and Pollitte are inserted below.



Melinda Andrews



Wesley Pollitte

A perusal of the CoB's webpages indicates that a number of holes remain, and that action to fill those, as was done with the two examples above, appears to be the result of individual department initiative rather than as a result of a policy of the Lance Nail administration of the b-school. Finally, sources tell USMNEWS.net that the CoB's shoddy website may be an issue next year, when the AACSB visitation team arrives.