


Full-Body Scan or Pat-Down?

Either Way, there is *No Touching* Niroomand's *Junkets* to Places like Washington, D.C.

On 18-Mar-2010, University of Houston – Victoria business school dean Farhang Niroomand departed Victoria for Washington, D.C. The return date, 25-Mar-2010, marked a one-week visit to the nation's capital, where [Niroomand](#) journeyed in order to “visit the Dept. of Education about a grant proposal.” This information, and more, is shown in the UH-V travel voucher inserted below.

University of Houston  Victoria			
Travel Request			
Business Unit: <u>90765</u>	Date MM/DD/YY: <u>03/10/10</u>		
Name of Traveler: <u>Farhang Niroomand</u>	Title: <u>Dean, School of Business Administration</u>		
Department: <u>School of Business Administration</u>	Traveler's Phone# <u>361-570-4248</u>		
Department Contact: <u>Mary Field</u>	Dept Contact Phone # <u>361-570-4248</u>		
Classification of Traveler (check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Student
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Passengers (list name(s)) _____			
Designated Headquarters <u>UHV 3007 N. Ben Wilson Victoria, TX</u>			
Departure City/State/Country <u>Victoria, TX USA</u>	Destination City/State/Country <u>Washington DC</u>		
Departure Date MM/DD/YY: <u>03/18/10</u>	Return Date MM/DD/YY: <u>03/25/10</u>		
Purpose/Benefit of Travel	Purpose To Attend: <u>To visit the Dept. of Education about a grant proposal</u>		
	(Location)	City: <u>Washington</u>	State/Country: <u>DC</u>
Benefit to University	To get a grant for the School of Business Administration		
Estimated Travel Expenditures			
	Local Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Travel Expenses direct billed to UHV			0.00
Hotel expenses direct-billed to UHV			0.00
Travel expenses to be reimbursed by UHV	1,000.00		1,000.00
Total expenditures to be paid or reimbursed by UHV	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Type of Expenses:			
Fund <u>2064</u>	DeptID <u>V0019</u>	Prog <u>A0304</u>	Proj <u>NA</u>
		Speed Type <u>10551</u>	Amount <u>\$1,000.00</u>
Fund _____	DeptID _____	Prog _____	Proj _____
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		Speed Type _____	Amount _____
Signatures			
Supervisor (Required)	=	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date MM/DD/YY _____
Certifying Signatory for the Cost Center (Required)	=	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>3/10/10</u>
Contract/Grant Approval (If applicable)	=	_____	_____
President, Provost, or VP For Admin & Finance (if required)	=	_____	_____
Chancellor or designee (if required)	=	_____	_____
Finance Travel Analyst (If Applicable)	=	_____	_____

In terms of the benefit of Niroomand's trip to his home institution, he notes on the voucher that he visited Washington, D.C., for a week in order “[t]o get a grant for the

School of Business Administration” at UH-V. Surely, university faculty around the country will be relieved to know, particularly given all of the pressure faced from above to generate revenues for their universities, that all one has to do to get a grant is travel to D.C. for a week. Niroomand’s jaunt to D.C. cost UH-V an even \$1,000, an amount sources say likely represents the annual travel allowance for *more than one* UH-V b-school professor. USMNEWS.net readers, particularly those from UH-V, may want to [read more](#) about [Niroomand's](#) grant-related [travel](#) and [other activities](#). The [links](#) provided here [make for](#) a good starting point.