

# GH Chatter

The [news](#) that Farhang Niroomand has become the new business school dean at the University of Houston -- Victoria has CoB faculty all jacked up in excitement and anticipation. Some have discussed whether or not Niroomand will want, or try, to take any of the CoB's current faculty with him when he leaves for UH-V this June. One comment on this subject suggests that he might want to take EFIB chairman George Carter -- "He might take George Carter with him as associate dean. He'd have a hatchet man, and Carter would get saved from disgrace." This does seem plausible, Carter has the better part of a half-century in the MS retirement system and he's still relatively young. Others have speculated that ECO's Akbar Marvasti might travel back to Houston, this time with Niroomand. Outside of the EFIBers, speculation also has MGT's Harold Doty, Niroomand's former boss, assisting Niroomand this time (over at UH-V) as associate dean.

The fiscal situation facing CoBers continues to deteriorate. The current 2% budget cut has already been increased to 5%, and projections for next year are hovering in the 10% neighborhood. CoB faculty will soon be losing their travel stipends as the budget problems continue to grow. With AACSB coming back in 2012, dean Lance Nail's Economic Symposium prediction that the economy will need until then or later to rebound has some concerned about re-accreditation.

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