## Have Deans' Group, Will Travel Is There a Deans' Group Niroomand is <u>Not</u> a Member Of?

Current University of Houston – Victoria business school dean, Farhang Niroomand, long ago had a goal of being a high-ranking college administrator. He became the associate dean of business at USM in 1998, a position he held until 2007. He has held his current post atop the b-school at UH-V since 2008, when he was hired by then-president Tim Hudson, an old friend of Niroomand from Hudson's many years at USM. Upon becoming dean at UH-V, Niroomand began joining various business deans'-type groups around the state and country. Some of these are (1) Council of Texas Business Deans, (2) Southern Business Deans Association, (3) Southern Business Administration Association, and (4) Southwestern Business Deans' Association.

Since the <u>first issue in this series</u>, USMNEWS.net has been reporting on some of the recent trips Niroomand has made as business school dean at UH-V. Table 1 below shows how Niroomand's recent travels have been shaped by his memberships in the groups listed above.

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Group	Event	Destination	Dates	Cost
Southern Business	2009		7-Nov-2009 through	
Administration Association	Annual Meeting	Savannah, GA	11-Nov-2009	\$1,000
Southwestern Business	2010		5-June-2010 through	
Deans' Association	Annual Meeting	Santa Fe, NM	9-June-2010	\$1,500
Southern Business	2010 Summer		10-July-2010 through	
Deans Association	Educators Workshop	Clearwater, FL	14-July-2010	\$1,500
Council of Texas	2010		25-Sept-2010 through	
Business Deans	Annual Meeting	Houston, TX	26-Sept-2010	\$500
TOTAL				\$4,500

Table 1 – Niroomand on the Road

As Table 1 above indicates, Niroomand spent a total of \$3,000 attending just two of these groups' events in the summer of 2010 alone. If a late Sept-2010 trip to the Council of Texas Business Deans annual meeting is added, that total rises to \$3,500. These three trips, plus a late-2009 trip to the annual meeting of the SBAA, add up to an astounding \$4,500. Finally, the first three of these trips took Niroomand to Savannah, GA, Santa Fe, NM, and Clearwater, FL, confirming sources' reports that Niroomand does not travel to less-than-attractive destinations.

For a look at the most costly of these trips, check out the UH-V travel forms inserted below.

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