

Have Deans' Group, Will Travel

Is There a Deans' Group Niroomand is Not 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 [first issue in this series](#), 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.

Table 1 – Niroomand on the Road

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

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.

University of Houston Victoria

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Travel Request

Business Unit: 00765 Date MM/DD/YY: 09/14/09

Name of Traveler FARHANG NIROOMAND Title: DEAN, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Department: SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Traveler's Phone# 361-570-4248

Department Contact: MARY FIELD Dept Contact Phone # 361-570-4248

Classification of Traveler (check one)
 Faculty Staff Prospective Employee Student
 Other _____ Passengers (list name(s)) _____

Designated Headquarters UHV 3007 N. BEN WILSON VICTORIA, TX

Departure City/State/Country VICTORIA, TX USA Destination City/State/Country SAVANNAH, GA USA

Departure Date MM/DD/YY: 11/07/09 Return Date MM/DD/YY: 11/11/09

Purpose/Benefit of Travel	<u>Purpose</u>
	To Attend: <u>TO ATTEND THE SOUTHERN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATIONS (SBAA) 2009 ANNUAL MEETING BEING HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY IN SAVANNAH, GA</u> (Location) City: <u>SAVANNAH</u> State/Country: <u>GEORGIA</u>
	<u>Benefit to University</u>
	The mission of SBAA is to improve management education by providing networking opportunities for business educators, showcasing best practices, promoting innovation in teaching and scholarship, and encouraging leadership in the management of educational programs.

Estimated Travel Expenditures	Local Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Travel Expenses direct billed to UHV	_____	+	= _____
Hotel expenses direct-billed to UHV	_____	+	= _____
Travel expenses to be reimbursed by UHV	<u>1,000.00</u>	+	= _____
Total expenditures to be paid or reimbursed by UHV	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	+	= <u>\$1,000.00</u>

Type of Expenses:						Estimated cost of travel below:						
_____	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>
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Signatures		Date MM/DD/YY
Supervisor (Required)	= <u><i>W. Labrecque</i></u>	<u>9/15/09</u>
Certifying Signatory for the Cost Center (Required)	= <u><i>F. Niroomand</i></u>	<u>9/18/09</u>
Contract/Grant Approval (If applicable)	= _____	_____
President, Provost, or VP For Admin & Finance (if required)	= <u><i>W. Labrecque</i></u>	<u>9/15/09</u>
Chancellor or designee (if required)	= _____	_____
Finance Travel Analyst (If Applicable)	= <u><i>M. Field</i></u>	<u>9/22/09</u>

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Travel Request

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Business Unit: 00765 Date MM/DD/YY: 11/23/09

Name of Traveler Farhang Niroomand Title: Dean, School of Business Administration

Department: School of Business Administration Traveler's Phone# 361-570-4248

Department Contact: Mary Field Dept Contact Phone # 361-570-4248

Classification of Traveler (check one)

Faculty Staff Prospective Employee Student

Other _____ Passengers (list name(s)) _____

Designated Headquarters UHV 3007 N. Ben Wilson Victoria, TX 77901

Departure City/State/Country Victoria, TX USA Destination City/State/Country Sante Fe, NM USA

Departure Date MM/DD/YY: 06/05/10 Return Date MM/DD/YY: 06/09/10

Purpose/Benefit of Travel	<p>Purpose</p> <p>To Attend: <u>To attend the Southwestern Business Deans' Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM Travel is from 06/05/10-06/09/10</u></p> <p>(Location) City: <u>Santa Fe</u> State/Country: <u>New Mexico</u></p>
Benefit to University	<p>To keep Dean Niroomand current and new with Business Schools and to keep the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business Accreditation</p>

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	1,500.00	+	= 1,500.00
Total expenditures to be paid or reimbursed by UHV	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	+	= <u>\$0.00</u> = <u>\$1,500.00</u>

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>\$1,500.00</u>
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Estimated cost of travel below:

Signatures	Date MM/DD/YY
Supervisor (Required) = <u><i>M. Habeeque</i></u>	<u>11/24/09</u>
Certifying Signatory for the Cost Center (Required) = <u><i>F. Niroomand</i></u>	<u>11/23/09</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) = <u><i>Mary Field</i></u>	<u>11/30/09</u>

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Travel Request

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Business Unit: 00765 **Date MM/DD/YY:** 06/28/10

Name of Traveler: Farhang Niroomand **Title:** Dean

Department: School of Business Administration **Traveler's Phone#** 361-570-4248

Department Contact: Mary Field **Dept Contact Phone #** 361-570-4248

Classification of Traveler (check one)

Faculty Staff Prospective Employee Student

Other _____ Passengers (list name(s)) _____

Designated Headquarters: UHV 3007 N. Ben Wilson Victoria, TX

Departure City/State/Country: Victoria, TX USA **Destination City/State/Country:** Clearwater, FL USA

Departure Date MM/DD/YY: 07/10/10 **Return Date MM/DD/YY:** 07/14/10

Purpose/Benefit of Travel	<p>Purpose</p> <p>To Attend: <u>To attend the Southern Business Deans Administration Association's Summer Educators Workshop 2010 at the Hilton Clearwater Resort.</u></p> <p>(Location) City: <u>Clearwater</u> State/Country: <u>Florida</u></p>
	<p>Benefit to University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>To network with other Business Deans and learn best practices for Business Schools.</u></p>

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Certifying Signatory for the Cost Center (Required) = _____

Contract/Grant Approval (If applicable) = _____

President, Provost, or VP For Admin & Finance (if required) = _____

Chancellor or designee (if required) = _____

Finance Travel Analyst (If Applicable) = _____