Hudson Named Vice Chancellor at Texas Tech University Former USM Administrator Continues to Find High-Level Posts

Despite what sources and others view as a controversial run as provost at USM, a failed presidency at the University of Houston – Victoria, and a recent inability to land the top post at Colorado State University – Pueblo, North Georgia College & State University, Western Illinois University, and Western New Mexico State University, Tim Hudson has been named a new vice chancellor at Texas Tech University. According to its 27-June-2011 announcement, Hudson will primarily oversee distance education for TTU, an area he focused on during his stint as president of UH-V. According to TTU's Allison Howard, "Hudson will coordinate and support the distance education and online programs at each of the Texas Tech University System institutions."

Hudson's departure from Houston leaves vacant the newly-created position of special assistant to the chancellor for international programs and initiatives in the UH System. That position was created by UHS chancellor Renu Khator in August of 2010, when Hudson stepped down as president of UH-V. Reports sent to USMNEWS.net about that particular situation indicate that Hudson had spent an excessive sum on international travel, an action that drew the ire of Khatu and other UHS officials. As a result, Khator reeled Hudson into the main system office in Houston, where he could be more closely supervised. Current UH-V business dean, and former USM associate b-school dean, Farhang Niroomand, was reportedly also involved, but he escaped repercussions. Still, Hudson's departure from the UHS leaves Niroomand, Hudson's long-time friend, behind to deal with problems that continue to plague the UH-V business school.