

## Is CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand out of Control?

Investigators at USMPRIDE.COM have obtained an important piece of information regarding CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand that relates to the formal Grievance filed by economics professor Franklin Mixon. Mixon's Grievance, which is available on this website, lists a number of examples of the harassment and retaliation that he has encountered at the hands of CoB administrators since speaking out about some questionable administrative practices in the CoB. Among those examples is EFIB Chair George Carter's assignment to him (Mixon) of former CoB Scholar-in-Residence Ray Canterbury's Economics 672 class --- 3 weeks into the fall 2006 semester. In the course of that dispute, Mixon attempted to communicate some concerns to CoB administrators. On one occasion, CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand served as a go-between for Mixon and EFIB Chair George Carter, who was away from USM for more than two workdays due to a personal (social) engagement. In forwarding, via e-mail, Carter's response to Mixon regarding a question Mixon had about the Canterbury teaching assignment, Niroomand copied CoB Dean Harold Doty and EFIB Chair George Carter to the e-mail, as was appropriate. However, Niroomand also sent the e-mail to "Mohammed Davood Zand," as the highlighted portion of a copy of the address lines of that e-mail (see below) indicates:

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| <b>Date:</b> Thu, 14 Sep 2006 15:24:17 -0500   |
| <b>From:</b> Farhang Niroomand <Farhang.Niroomand@usm.edu>                                       |
| <b>To:</b> Jr.Mixon@usm.edu, "Mohammed Davood Zand (Mohammed Davood Zand)" <mohammed.zand@nb.no> |
| <b>Cc:</b> George.Carter@usm.edu, Harold.Doty@usm.edu  |
| <b>Subject:</b> electronic copies of letters   |

An investigation by USMPRIDE.COM researchers reveals that::

- Zand, like Niroomand, appears to be a native of Iran
- Zand appears to be affiliated with the National Library of Norway

To date, Niroomand has failed to respond to any attempt made by Mixon to gather information on Zand, and the reason he (Zand) was brought into a USM personnel matter (from abroad) by CoB Associate Dean Niroomand.