

Mock Interview with Farhang Niroomand, Part 4

by Hal Greene

HG: Do you have tenure going into Houston-Victoria?

FN: I have [a] tenure folder being evaluated now.

HG: Did they require you to submit letters from outside reviewers?

FN: Yes.

HG: Who wrote the letters for you?

FN: An economics professor at [the] University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and another at Texas Christian University. I also got one from [a] former provost.

HG: Who are these people?

FN: One is Professor of Economics. Another is [the] *Hal Wright Professor of Latin American Economics*.

HG: I meant, what are their names?

FN: Dr. Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee and Dr. Charles Sawyer.

HG: Okay. What about the former provost?

FN: Dr. Tim Hudson.

HG: Oh, so you are trying that to run the same game that Akbar Marvasti ran, correct?

FN: What game?! What are you talking about?! Didn't you hear that Dr. Marvasti and I are not even friends? Why is this interview so long?

HG: There is a lot of ground to cover, that's why. Is this long interview reminding you of the way that then-USM Foundation Director Tim Ryan and then-CoB dean Dr. Harold Doty held a marathon session to harangue then-CoB Development Officer Frank Pickering into resigning? By the way, did you attend that meeting?

FN: What are you talking about?!

HG: There is a report that a former CoB finance professor was made to suffer the same harangue from Doty. Were you part of that one?

FN: No.

HG: Did you attend a meeting with Doty and a former CoB assistant professor of finance wherein Doty attempted to terminate that person's employment?

FN: Yes.

HG: Did Doty tell this person that the decision had been approved by then-USM President Shelby Thames?

FN: Yes.

HG: Did you then, or do you now, know that Doty lied?

FN: No.

HG: I want you to listen to something for a moment. Can you hear that?

FN: Yes.

HG: What do you think?

FN: comment removed

Part 5 Coming Soon . . .