

Niroomand 1, Doty 0

The recent *31st & Pearl* column entitled “300” spelled it out clearly – former CoB Dean Harold Doty does not appear to be getting any post-Dean royal treatment since joining the CoB’s regular-line faculty. As Duane Cobb said, after reading that column – “That’s a good thing. He [Doty] doesn’t deserve it.” However, former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand represents the other half of the “package deal” that was the CoB administrative resignation of 9 April 2007. How has the treatment of Niroomand been since he *re*joined the CoB’s regular-line faculty? Or, better yet, how does the treatment of Doty compare to that of Niroomand? Reporters at USMNEWS.NET think readers will be intrigued by some of the results that were found when the “data” were examined.

In **Table 1** below, the specifics of Doty’s fall 2007 teaching schedule are compared with those of Niroomand’s schedule. The analysis that follows will tell who comes out on top.

<u>Doty, Harold</u>	<u>Niroomand, Farhang</u>
MGT 300, MWF, 9:00-9:50a [230 students]	ECO 202, TTh, 1:00-2:15p [89 students]
MGT 400, MW, 2:00-3:15p [30 students]	ECO 672, W, 6:30-9:15p [13 students]
MGT 400, MW, 5:00-6:15p [39 students]	
897 Student Credit Hours	306 Student Credit Hours

Note: Schedule information and enrollment data come from SOAR, mid Aug-07.

As **Table 1** above points out, Niroomand’s fall 2007 teaching load is head and shoulders above Doty’s, and in a number of ways. First, Niroomand has two courses, while Doty has three. Second, while both have 3-day/week schedules, Niroomand’s TWTh schedule provides the luxury of a 4-day weekend.¹ Third, Niroomand has 102 students, or 306 credit hours, while Doty must manage 299 students (i.e., 897 credit

¹ The fine details (times, etc.) of Niroomand’s fall 2007 teaching schedule make the case for something a bit *better than* a 4-day weekend.

hours).² Fourth, while Doty must wake up no later than 7:30/8am (on MWF), Niroomand can sleep until lunch. Fifth, Mondays and Wednesdays are potentially, for Doty, 9.25-hour days (in terms of work). Niroomand, on the other hand, never has to have more than a 2.75-hour working day.

In terms of teaching schedules for fall of 2007, Niroomand clearly bests Doty. So, for now at least, the score is Niroomand 1, and Doty 0. If some of our tipsters are accurate, Niroomand's lead will only widen as we broaden the scope of this comparison. And, if that plays out, Doty will be interested, given the way sources describe "the package" and "the deal" from the 9 April 2007 resignations.

² Doty's teaching load will generate, at a minimum, more than \$172,000 in tuition for USM. Niroomand's much softer schedule will generate (at a minimum) only about \$60,000. At this rate (i.e., \$60,000 per semester), Niroomand will not produce enough tuition revenue to cover the cost of his 2007-08 employment with USM.