

Oldies Often Goodies

A Look Back at Farhang Niroomand's Tenure-Track Timeline

USMNEWS.NET recently learned that a CoB old-timer, an old CBA figure you might say, often speaks of how economics professor Farhang Niroomand's tenure track ride was a "do nothing" one until its very late stages. Only then, at the 11th hour, did Niroomand climb over the tenure bar. We like excitement as much as the next person, so we thought it might be interesting to take a look at Niroomand's SEDONA vita to see if this old story holds up to scrutiny.

Table 1 below contains a timeline of sorts that relates to Niroomand's tenure-track ride. As the table points out, Niroomand was hired by USM's business school in 1984. After a six-year stint, he was tenured and promoted to associate professor (1990).

Table 1
Farhang Niroomand's Tenure-Track Ride

Year	Notes	Journal Publications
1990	Tenured	
1989		<i>Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv</i> <i>Journal of World Trade</i>
1988		<i>Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv</i> <i>Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv</i>
1987		
1986		
1985		
1984	Joined USM	
1983	Earned PhD; Visiting Asst Prof, U of Connecticut	

Note: Niroomand's SEDONA also lists a 1987 publication in *Business Insights*, the low-level, in-house (USM) publication affiliated with the business school's Bureau.

The information in **Table 1** backs up the old-timer's story about Niroomand. Niroomand's tenure came in just the first few months of 1990, and **Table 1** shows that he was inserting much-needed research materials into his P&T dossier right up until the start of the P&T application process, which came at the beginning of the 1989-90 academic year.

Two additional points: There are only four (4) publications. Niroomand would not muster up tenure using the recently-adopted (31-Aug-07) P&T policies in the CoB. Finally, there are no As, another shortcoming that would be noticed using the CoB's new P&T guidelines.