

Pump You Up!

A Look at the Professional Recording Practices of Farhang Niroomand

Few, if any, CoB faculty go to the lengths that professor of economics and former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand goes to in order to “promote” his professional accomplishments to other faculty and administrators at the University of Southern Mississippi. There is perhaps no better example of Niroomand’s “resume pumping” than that found in the 2005 USM Faculty Activity Report (FAR05), which was made available by USM’s Office of Institutional Research (see below).

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In order to examine Niroomand’s entries, investigators looked at the CoB’s “Response Summaries” (see below) to each of the FAR05 questions. Although the answers provided

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are anonymous, in most cases making an ownership determination is easy enough for CoB undergraduates. As such, our investigators had little difficulty deciphering the authors’ names in most cases.

Our analysis begins quite early in the CoB portion of the report, with question T03 in the teaching section. That question, along with the answer provided by Niroomand, is inserted below:

T03- For the Calendar
Year, Undergraduate
Research Projects
Directed (Enter
Students' Names)

23 students in ECO 436 during Spring 2005 semester

While other faculty listed the names (as directed) of the students they mentored, mainly through the CoB’s Business Advisory Council Scholars Program, Niroomand essentially notes that he assigned a paper to his ECO 436 class during Spring 2005, and that there

Sending people who barely teach to numerous “teaching development” conferences should be troubling to tax- and tuition-paying Mississippians.

R02a- For the Calendar Year, list Other Invited Presentations	
Monetary and Banking Research Academy of the Central Bank of Iran	

Regarding R02a above, again USMNEWS.NET asks: why didn't the Iranian Central Bank pay for this “invited” presentation, which totaled thousands of dollars (see www.usmnews.net for reports on Niroomand's travels back home to Iran)?

R04- For the Calendar Year, list Abstracts and Reports in Press "From Local to Global: The Internationalization of Business in Mississippi"
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R05- For the Calendar Year, list Abstracts and Reports Published	
"From Local to Global: The Internationalization of Business in Mississippi"	

“From Local to Global...” – in press (R04), published (R05) . . . on and on.

The response to R29 below appears to be Niroomand's. Isn't he an “Amigo” of the

R29- For the Calendar Year, list Awards and Honors for Intellectual, Creative Activity, and Contribution. (Award names)	Best Paper Award Certificate for presenting my paper: "Determinants of Income: A probability Approach" at the Annual meeting of the Association for Global Business
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AGB, and editor of the *JCRGB*? If so, how is he eligible for this Award Certificate?

Sometimes you have to say the same things over and over in order to get your point across:

S07- For the Calendar Year, list Local Professional Associations (e.g., Pine Belt Reading Council).	ADP, Mississippi World Trade Center, Mississippi Export Assistance Center
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S08- For the Calendar Year, list State Professional Associations (e.g., MS Psychology Assn.)	Mississippi World Trade Center, Mississippi Development Authority, Mississippi Export Assistance Center, MS International Trade Club
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S15- For the Calendar Year, list Service to schools and non-profit agencies (e.g., workshop on discipline for a school district; United Way; Museum Board)	Mississippi World Trade Center, Center for Research on International Economic University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
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Some of Niroomand’s best “pumping” involves “his international journal” (Jay Grimes quote, 10 April 2007), the *Journal of Current Research in Global Business* (see below).

S17- For the Calendar Year, enter name of journal or monograph you edited.	The Journal of Current Research in Global Business
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S19- For the Calendar Year, Member of Editorial Boards (List the journal, monograph, or collection)	The Journal of Current Research in Global Business, Center for Research on International Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
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Did you know that the CIE at UW-Milwaukee was a journal and/or monograph? We didn’t.

More *JCRGB* “pumping”:

S23- For the Calendar Year, list Reviews of Journal Articles Submitted for Publication	Journal of Current Research in Global Business
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Question	Response
A01- For the Calendar Year, List any Administrative Responsibilities.	Associate Dean for the College of Business, Project Director: From Local to Global a Title VI-B grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Editor, Journal of Current Research in Global Business

A02- For the Calendar
Year, List
Administrative
Contributions such as
Program Development.

Director, Information Technology Certificate Program, Director, International Business
Information Technology Incubator, Editor, Journal of Current Research in Global Business,
Inviting Max Kreinin Distinguished Professor of Economic at Michigan State as the speaker for
the "Issues and Answers" Series sponsored by The Sun Herald and the University of Southern
Mississippi

The *JCRGB* may not be all things to all people, but it appears to be all things to Farhang
Niroomand.

This report is but one of many examples available at www.usmnews.net concerning the
“resume pumping” of former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand. In future
reports, we will continue our examination of the USM 2005 FAR.