


Klinedinst's 2,400 Mile Marathon and More

An Investigative Series on CoB Travel


TRAVEL VOUCHER
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
 Purpose and Place of Visit
 American Economic Association
 meetings, New York, NY

TRAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE (Did you use University vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No)				Total Meals and Lodging		277 80	
Date	From	To	Miles				
12/27/98	Hattiesburg, MS	New York, NY	1,200				
1/6/99	New York, NY	Hattiesburg, MS	1,200				
TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER			Total Miles	2,400	X Rate .325	744	00
Date							

Report all expenditures including those expenses paid for with a travel advance.	Total Other Expenses		
If the department limits the total expenditure, enter the amount on the "Maximum Reimbursement Allowed" block.	Total Expenses	650.00	1,021.80
	MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWED		
Employee Signature <i>Hub Klug</i>			
Approved By <i>F. A. [illegible]</i>	Date	1/20/90	
	Date	1/25/90	

Klinedinst's 2000 trip to Italy is made interesting by the lack of details provided by Klinedinst for justifying the trip. A look at his **Employee Travel Voucher** supports this assertion:

EMPLOYEE TRAVEL VOUCHER
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
 Purpose and Place of Visit
 Present paper, attend editorial and web board meeting. Trento, Italy

The voucher points out that the destination is Trento, Italy. His **Permission to Travel Form** provides a few more details:

Name: Mark Klinedinst Title: Professor S.S. No. 000000000
 In compliance with Section 25-3-45 Mississippi Code 1972, request is made for authorization to attend the following convention, association, or meeting:
International Association for the Economics of Participation Trento, Italy & Sofia, Bulgaria
 Complete Name of Convention, Association or Meeting (Do Not Abbreviate)

Note that this form indicates that Klinedinst will visit Sofia, Bulgaria in addition to Trento, Italy. He also points out that his dealings are with the International Association for the Economics of Participation. Klinedinst also listed the purpose of his trip on the permission form, as show below:

The purpose of this trip is to present a paper, an editorial board meeting, a meeting on website maintenance, and interview employees and corporate officers.

Some of the details of this trip seem to suggest that at least some of the financing for the trip should have come from destination sources. Instead, all of the financing was provided by the College of Business at USM. Let's begin with meals and lodging:

Italy		On Trip							
MEALS AND LODGING									
Date	2000	7/4/2000	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/14/00	Total
Departure Time		AM-PM	10:00 AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	
Arrival Time		9:00 AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	
Breakfast		12 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	11 00	12 00	
Lunch		20 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	11 00	12 00	79 00
Dinner		32 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	17 00	20 00	10 00	118 00
Lodging		100 00	42 75	42 75	42 75	28 00	32 00	12 00	168 00
								100 00	471 00
								100 00	836 00
Total Meals and Lodging									
RAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE (Did you use University vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No)									
Date									

Next, we turn to travel expenses:

TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER				Total Miles	X Rate	=
Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amount		
7/3/00	Hattiesburg, MS	Rome, Italy	air	565.80		
7/14/00	Rome, Italy	Hattiesburg, MS	air	565.80		
OTHER EXPENSES					Total Travel By Public Carrier	1,131.60

Third, we examine "Other Expenses" associated with this trip:

OTHER EXPENSES				Total Travel By Public Carrier
Item	Date	Place Where Expense Incurred	Amount	
Registration Fees	7/7/00	Trento, Italy		
Tips (baggage handling)			85.00	
Taxi/Limousine	7/4-7/9, 7/14	Rome (2 days), Trento, Italy		
Parking/Tolls			86.00	
Car Rental	7/5, 7/9	Rome, Train (Rt to Trento)		
			70.00	

Check Category of Travel

Finally, we show both the bottom line and how many pots of money were involved in financing Klinedinst's journey:

Report all expenditures including those expenses paid for with a travel advance.	Total Other Expenses	241.00
If the department limits the total expenditure, enter the amount on the "Maximum Reimbursement Allowed" block.	Total Expenses	2,200.00
	MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWED	2,200.00
Employee Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 8/29/00	
Approved By: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 8/29/2000	

Expense
600.00
236.00
364.00
76.76
85.00
147.40

As the screen above at left points out, Klinedinst's expenses were about \$2,200. The insert above at right shows that no fewer than 6 pots of money were used to finance this trip to Italy.

As previous reports have indicated, Klinedinst has not produced a journal article (see EBSCOhost) since fall of 1998. This trip occurred about 1.5 years later. Thus, his lack of output doesn't seem to be due in any way to a lack of financial support by the CoB. However, as the merit raise documents here at usmpride.com suggest, his lack of output doesn't seem to be hurting his raise prospects in any way.