


Special Report

Harold and Farhang will Always have Paris An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Travel

This is the installment in the Special Report series that so many of you have been begging for. Finally, without further delay, buckle up and get ready for some of the details about the now infamous AACSB trip to Paris in April of 2006. We start with a few items of interest submitted by the CoB's Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand.

 <p style="text-align: center;">THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYEE TRAVEL VOUCHER</p>	Name Farhang Niroomand	SS# [REDACTED]
	Phone # 601.266.5028	Dept Box # 5021
	E-Mail farhang.niroomand@usm.edu	
	Dept Name CoB - Dean's Office	
Title of Meeting: The AACSB & EFMD Internation Conference and Annual Meeting	Permission to Travel Filed (if yes, attach copy)	Yes
	UNIVERSITY CLASSIFICATION	
	Submitter Melia Hartsfield	601.266.5853 melia.hartsfield@usm.edu
Location and Purpose of trip: Paris, France Attend accreditation conference	Accompanied By: Harold Doty	

The screen above, taken from Niroomand's **Employee Travel Voucher**, confirms that the trip took place and that Doty accompanied Niroomand.

MEALS AND LODGING								
Date	21-Apr-06	22-Apr-06	23-Apr-06	24-Apr-06	25-Apr-06	26-Apr-06		
Breakfast		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00	
Lunch	\$ 12.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 129.00	
Dinner	\$ 28.66	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 374.66	
Lodging		\$ 263.57	\$ 263.57	\$ 263.57	\$ 263.57		\$ 1,054.28	
<i>Note: for additional days, use tabTV pg2</i>							Total Meals & Lodging	\$ 1,682.94

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The next screen (see above) confirms that Niroomand enjoyed all that Paris had to offer in the way of food and lodging. The food total came to more than \$500, while lodging consumed another \$1,054. Nice.

Of course, there's the travel aspect of the travel voucher. That total comes to more than \$1,000 as well (see below).

TRAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE						
Did you use a University vehicle? No						
Date	From	To	Miles	Rate	TOTAL	
21-Apr-06	Hattiesburg, MS	PIB Airport	18	445.0485	\$ 8.01	
26-Apr-06	PIB Airport	Hattiesburg, MS	18	445.0485	\$ 8.01	
<i>Note: for more milage, use either tabMulti Trip Mileage (or) TV pg2</i>					Total Travel By Personal Vehicle	\$ 16.02
TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER (Mode = Airfare, Rental Car, Bus, Train, etc)						
Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amt		
21-Apr-06	PIB Airport, MS	Paris, France	Airfare	\$ 474.99		
26-Apr-06	Paris, France	PIB Airport, MS	Airfare	\$ 474.99		
<i>Note: for additional Public Carriers, use tab TV pg2</i>					Total Travel By Public Carrier	\$ 949.98

Let's not forget, when Niroomand travels there are often limousines and ferries and other things that fall into the "Other Expenses" category. On this occasion, those expenses totaled more than \$212 (see below):

OTHER EXPENSES (For additional other expenses, use tab TV pg2)			
Item	Date	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred	Amount
Registration Fees			
Banquet Fee			
Tips (baggage handling)	4/22-4/26	Paris, France	\$ 19.00
Taxi/Shuttle/Limousine	4/22-4/26	Paris, France	\$ 193.50
Parking/Tolls			
Car Rental Gas			
ADVANCE RECEIVED? Yes			Total Other Expenses \$ 212.50

Don't forget that with AACSB meetings the registration fees will approach \$1,000. Confirmation of that is provided with the form below; totals for the trip for Niroomand, without registration fees, follow.

**REGISTRATION CHECK REQUEST
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**

VENDOR ID	
VENDOR	The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International Events
DO NOT ABBREVIATE THE NAME OF THE VENDOR	
PO Box 116201	
ADDRESS TO WHICH CHECK SHOULD BE SENT	Atlanta, GA 30368-6201
TELEPHONE # OF VENDOR	813-769-6500
FAX # OF VENDOR	813-472-5531
REGISTRATION DUE DATE	2/3/2006

DATE	January 5, 2006
DEPARTMENT NAME	College of Business - Dean's Office
DEPT BOX	5021
PERSON COMPLETING FORM	
NAME	Melia Hartsfield
E-MAIL	melia.hartsfield@usm.edu
PHONE #	601.266.5853

If the registration is due before February 2, 2006 we cannot guarantee that the check will arrive in time. You need to allow 4 weeks for the check to be processed. This will allow for required signatures, setting up the vendor and processing the check.

If a W-9 is not attached the Telephone Number and Fax Number are required. Payment cannot be made until a W-9 has been received.
A COPY OF THE PERMISSION TO TRAVEL MUST BE ATTACHED FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING REGISTRATION PAYMENTS

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Registration fee for Farhang Niroomand to attend "The AACSB & EFMD International Conference and Annual Meetings" in Paris, France	\$ 1,195.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,195.00

Special Instructions:
Please send check to Box 5021, attention Melia Hartsfield

I do solemnly affirm that the amounts scheduled above are just and true in all respects and were expended for The University of Southern Mississippi's purposes.

Requested By Melia Hartsfield Date 1/5/2006
 Approved By [Signature] Date 1/5/2006

Total Other Expenses	\$ 212.50	
Total for this page	\$ 2,862.88	2861.4
Total for TV pg2	\$ 93.09	
Total for Multi Trip Milage	\$ -	
Total for BusRelatedExpense	\$ 55.09	
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 2,955.97	2954.5
LESS ADVANCE	\$ 2,944.00	
TOTAL REIMBURSED	\$ 11.97	10.53
MAX REIMBURSED		

Expense
1682.94
949.98
305.59
5.44
10.53

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We also came across a breakdown of some of Niroomand's "Other Expenses" on a separate page of Niroomand's voucher information. Those are provided below:

OTHER EXPENSES			
Item	Date	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred	Amount
Telephone charges (phone card)	4/22-4/26	Paris, France	\$ 38.00
Dinner 4/22/06 - see BREF	22-Apr-06	Paris, France	\$ 33.65
Louvre - see BREF	23-Apr-06	Paris, France	\$ 21.44

Sometimes a peek at the **Permission to Travel** forms can be revealing. So, we are providing some of the details on Niroomand's in the space below.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI http://www.usm.edu/procurement/travel.html PERMISSION TO TRAVEL <i>Submit at least two weeks prior to travel dates</i> <i>(90 days prior to foreign travel)</i>		Date S
		Person Completi
		Phon
Employee Name	Farhang Niroomand	
University Classification (circle one)	Faculty	
Traveler's E-Mail Address	farhang.niroomand@usm.edu	Departm
Phone #	601.266.5028	Departm
Dates of Travel (include traveling dates)	Beginning Date 21-Apr-06	Ending Dat 26-Apr-0
Title of Meeting (Do not Abbreviate)	The AACSB & EFMD Internation Conference and	
Location of Meeting	Paris, France	
Purpose of Travel	Attend accreditation conference	

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:	
Meals	\$ 800.00
Hotel Lodging	\$ 1,375.00
Mileage	\$ 125.00
Airfare	\$ 1,200.00
Registration	\$ 1,135.00
Other Expenses	\$ 180.00
Total Expenses	\$ 3,680.00

It looks from the insert above that the registration fee paid for Niroomand came to \$1,135. That's more than we predicted. Of course, as the screen below indicates, Niroomand's travel partner (Doty) gave Niroomand permission to go to Paris and to take Doty with him (Niroomand).

SIGNATURES: <i>I acknowledge that I have read and understand the University Travel Policy</i>		*
Signature of Traveler		Date Signed *
<i>J. Niroomand</i>		<i>1/5/06</i>
*Chair or Next Higher Expenditure Authority		Date Signed *
<i>Print signature name =></i>		
Dean's Signature		Date Signed *
<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>1/5/06</i>
<i>Print signature name => Harold Doty</i>		
*Required for Domestic Travel		*

The memo below, from Dean Harold Doty to Provost Jay Grimes, is quite interesting. In it, Doty tells Grimes that the CoB's Directors of UG and G programs should really be going on this important trip, but that he (Doty) understands that budgets are tight and that he (Doty) would not want to place an undue burden on USM by asking for permission for them to go. Of course, Doty didn't actually care if they went, and he may not even have wanted the two of them to go along. He just wanted to let Grimes think that not having these two Directors come along would hurt him (Doty) in some way. Remember, Doty got into the management professions by majoring in psychology at Southwest Texas State University. This is an avenue he recommends to others. He used a little psych 101 on Grimes. Nice touch.

To: Jay Grimes, Provost

From: D. Harold Doty, Dean *DHD*

Date: 1/20/2006

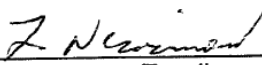
Re: Travel justification for Drs Doty and Niroomand to attend the AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting in Paris, France

From April 22-26, 2005, AACSB International, the world's largest and most prominent body providing accreditation for management education is holding its annual meeting in Paris, France. Topics will include accreditation issues, industry trends, globalization issues, and the changing nature of management education. As this will be the last annual meeting prior to the College of Business's AACSB maintenance of accreditation visit, I believe it is important for both the Associate Dean and I to attend. Frankly, the Undergraduate and Graduate program directors in the college should also attend this year, but given budget constraints I have pulled their permission to travel requests. I may resubmit these requests later depending on enrollment numbers.

The screen below indicates that Niroomand took a sizable advance with him to Paris.

I have read the above policy regarding Travel Advances and by signing below I understand any part of the advance of \$ 2,944.00 that I receive today for my PARIS, FRANCE (trip), that is still outstanding on 5/26/2006 will be a payroll deduction, not to exceed one-half of my net pay, beginning on 6/30/2006.

Printed Name: FARHANG NIROOMAND Phone: _____

Signature: 
Today's Date: _____ Email _____