


Special Report

Alvin Williams' First Year Back: \$4,033.41

An Investigative Series on CoB Faculty Travel

This Special Report looks at Alvin Williams' 2005-2006 travel records. As usmpride.com readers are aware, Williams (Professor of Marketing) stepped back to a regular faculty line following the 2004-2005 academic year, and was replaced as Chair of Management, Marketing and Fashion Merchandising by Marketing Professor Barry J. Babin. Williams' travel records for '05-'06 are quite interesting, indicating a relatively sizable amount of travel spending.

We begin with a May 2006 trip to Minneapolis for the Institute for Supply Management (see below).

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	Dept Name Management and Marketi
Title of Meeting: Institute for Supply Management	Permission to Travel Filed (if ye UNIVERSITY CLASS
Location and Purpose of trip: Minneapolis, Minnesota To present two papers.	Submitter Alvin J. Williams Accompanied By:


This end-of-the-year trip totaled slightly more than \$900, of which Williams was reimbursed \$775 (see below).

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 900.44
LESS ADVANCE	
TOTAL REIMBURSED	\$ 900.44
MAX REIMBURSED	775.⁰⁰

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The next trip we examined is Williams' April of 2006 trip to San Diego for a meeting of the International Purchasing and Supply Education and Research Association. According

to the **Employee Travel Voucher** filed by Williams (see below), the trip also included a “Journal Board meeting.”


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Title of Meeting:	Permission to Travel Filed (if yes, attach) International Purchasing & Supply Education & Research Association <i>UNIVERSITY CLASSIFICATION</i>		
	Submitter	Alvin J. Williams	266
Location and Purpose of trip:	San Diego, CA To chair conference sessions and attend Journal Board meeting.		Accompanied By:

As the insert below points out, this trip to San Diego came to a total of \$938.50. Williams was reimbursed the entire amount, including the advance of \$535 (see below).

Total for this page	\$ 938.50
Total for TV pg2	\$ -
Total for Multi Trip Milage	\$ -
Total for BusRelatedExpense	\$ -
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 938.50
LESS ADVANCE	\$ 535.00
TOTAL REIMBURSED	\$ 403.50


This brings Williams’ total travel for Spring semester 2006 alone to \$1,713.50. This is a very generous level of support. There’s more.

The trip to San Diego described above was not the first trip to San Diego that Williams made during the 2005-2006 academic year. In October of 2005, Williams traveled to San Diego for the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals meeting. As his **Employee Travel Voucher** below shows, he traveled to the meeting in order to “participate in the ‘Meet the Editors’ session at the Doctoral Consortium.”

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Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals	UNIVERSITY CLASSIFICA1		
	Submitter	Alvin J. Williams	266-
Location and Purpose of trip:	San Diego, CA To participate in the 'Meet the Editors' session at the Doctoral Consortium		Accompanied By:

This trip to San Diego came to a total of more than \$950, out of which Williams was reimbursed \$700. That brings his running travel total to \$2,413.50 for his first academic year back among rank-and-file faculty.

In November of 2005, Williams traveled to San Antonio for the Society for Marketing Advances meeting (see below).

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Title of Meeting:	Permission to Travel Filed (if yes, :		
Society for Marketing Advances	UNIVERSITY CLASSIF		
	Submitter	Alvin J. Williams	
Location and Purpose of trip:	San Antonio, Texas To chair a session on International Sales Management and to serve as discussion leader for a Business-to-Business session		Accompanied By:

The expenses for this trip totaled \$919.91. Williams was reimbursed the full amount, including his advance of \$468.80 (see below).

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Total for TV pg2	\$ -	
Total for Multi Trip Milage	\$ -	
Total for BusRelatedExpense	\$ -	
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 921.91	921.91
LESS ADVANCE	\$ 468.80	
TOTAL REIMBURSED	\$ 453.11	453.11
MAX REIMBURSED	\$500	

This trip brings Williams' Fall semester 2005 total to \$1,619.91, again a very generous level of support. Williams' total in travel support for the academic year ('05-'06) thus far comes to \$4,033.41.

It will be instructive to examine Williams' research activity over the next two years or so in order to properly assess the results of this level of travel support.