

Special Report

Catch Him if You Can

Former CoB Associate Dean Still a Jet Setter Extraordinaire

Former CoB associate dean [Farhang Niroomand](#) became [famous](#) for [travelling](#) the [globe](#) while [part](#) of the CoB administration (1998-2007). In fact, during one [59-month stretch](#), Niroomand used more than \$75,000 in travel funds to cover almost 150,000 miles around the globe. Compounding the issue for Niroomand is the fact that many of his “academic” trips are questionable, at best. This conclusion is easily drawn when one global business conference photo shows Niroomand wearing a poncho/sombrero and toting a musket while standing three down from another attendee who is sitting on a donkey (which also is wearing sombrero). Such is the case in the global business conference photo below, wherein Niroomand is at far left.



Recently uncovered [evidence](#) also indicates that Niroomand continues to make what some believe as *unnecessary* trips to the annual Academy of International Business (AIB) meetings. This year (June-2010) the meetings are being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (the link above shows he went *there* for other purposes back in November-2002). This type of [behavior](#) should, according to sources, trouble his new faculty colleagues at the University of Houston at Victoria, where Niroomand is employed as b-school dean. In his November-2002 trip to Rio from USM, Niroomand spent about \$5,400. The AIB frequently meets at such far away places, meaning these types of expenditures will occur annually. Finally, if Niroomand continues to make [mysterious](#) trips back [home](#) to Iran, as he did [while at USM](#), the UHV faculty might even consider an internal investigation.