


Special Report

Niroomand makes another "Academic Visit" to Atlanta An Investigative Series on Travel by CoB Faculty

Investigators at usmpride.com have uncovered details of yet another "academic visit" to Atlanta made by CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand. This one occurred from June 2-6, 2005, or just days after Niroomand returned from 2.5 weeks in his home country of Iran. Details of this latest find on "academic visits" are presented below.



**EMPLOYEE
TRAVEL VOUCHER**

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

**IMPORTANT-SEE INSTRUCTIONS
ON BACK**

Employee	Farhang Niroomand
Address	Box 5021
Department Name	
Others On Trip	

Purpose and Place of Visit	Academic visit to collaborate on research project Atlanta GA
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Details from Niroomand's **Employee Travel Voucher** indicate that he is making an "academic visit" to Atlanta to collaborate on a research project. Investigators at usmpride.com were of the understanding that all of Niroomand's research work was with Ed Nissan, who is a professor in the CoB. There are no details about this so-called "collaborat[ive]" effort in Atlanta in the screen above.

What we do know is that the "academic visit" cost USM about \$250 in meals, and that Niroomand "stayed with relatives and friends."

MEALS AND LODGING									
Date	6/2/05	6/3/05	6/4/05	6/5/05	6/6/05				Total
Departure Time	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	
Arrival Time	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	AM-PM	
Breakfast		6	7	6					19
Lunch	6 50	10	11	12					39 50
Dinner	35 10	25	23	10 47 2					1 87 82
Lodging	Stayed with relatives & friends								
Total Meals and Lodging									2 46 32

Niroomand also spent a sizable amount in travel, as the screen below indicates:

TRAVEL BY PERSONAL VEHICLE (Did you use a University vehicle? ☐ Yes ☐ No)

Date	From	To	Miles
6/2/05	Hattiesburg, MS	Atlanta, GA	430.378
6/5/05	Atlanta, GA	Hattiesburg, MS	430.378
6/2-5/05	Driving in Atlanta area		362 314

TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER

1070x.405 433.35

During each “academic visit” that Niroomand makes to Atlanta, he seems to stack up a lot of miles within and around the city itself (314 miles in this instance). This is very curious. The total in this category is \$433.35 (see above).

Next we find that total expenses for this academic visit came to almost \$700, although EFIB chair Mark Klinedinst allowed a \$600 reimbursement (see below).

OTHER EXPENSES

Item	Date	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred	Amount
Registration Fees			
Tips (baggage handling)			
Taxi/Limousine			
Parking/Tolls	6/3-6/6	Atlanta	7.60
Car Rental			
Telephone	6/3, 6/6		10.00

Check Category of Travel

(Items 3 through 5 require Permission To Travel Form)

1. ☐ Business Trip In-State/No Advance
2. ☐ Business Trip Out-of-State/No Advance
3. ☐ Business Trip Out-of-State/With Advance
4. ☐ Conventions, Conferences, Associations/In or Out-of-State
5. ☐ Out-of-Country

Report all expenditures, including expenses paid for with a travel advance.

If the department limits the total expenditure, enter the amount on the “Maximum Reimbursement Allowed” block.

Total Other Expenses

Total Expenses

MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWED →

17.60
697.27
600.00

Employee

Signature

Approved By

Z. Niroomand
Mark Klinedinst

Date

Date

6/7/05
6/7/05

It’s hard to believe, after seeing so many reports on Niroomand, that the additional \$97.27 wasn’t squeezed from taxpayers by dipping into some hidden “money pot” somewhere at USM. In any event, this “academic visit” killed off yet another CoB faculty’s annual travel allowance.