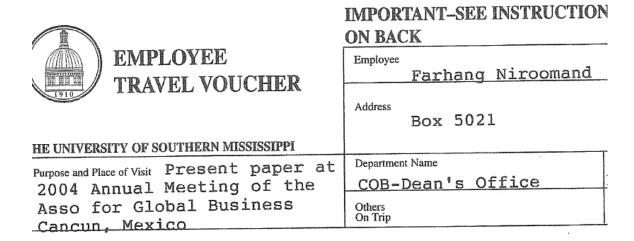
Special Report

The AGB "Amigo" Crosses the Rio Grande An Investigative Series on Travel by CoB Faculty

This Special Report covers more details involving CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand's dealings with the Association for Global Business. Previous exhibits at usmpride.com have pointed out that the quality of this Association is suspect, and that Niroomand and Edward Nissan's (Professor of Economics) involvement with it has (i) cost USM a relatively large amount of money and (ii) led to some nifty raises for both, particularly Niroomand.

This report examines the details of a 2004 trip to Cancun made by Niroomand to attend the Association for Global Business meeting. The basis for that trip was stated by Niroomand on an **Employee Travel Voucher**, as indicated below:



How much in lodging and meals? Those totals are presented in the next screen:

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Lodging	121	62	121	62	121	62	121	62					_	486	47
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The total in food and lodging in Cancun came to just over \$750 (see above). Niroomand spent \$13.50 driving between Hattiesburg and the Pine Belt Airport.

The next insert presents the cost of travel by a public carrier, as presented on Niroomand's travel voucher:

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11/17	PIB	Cancun, Mexico	air			
11/21	Cancun, Mexico	PIB	air			
	I		Total Travel	By Public Carrier	523	38
OTHER EXPE	NSES					

As the insert above notes, that total was almost \$525. The AGB trip also included some additional expenses, as indicated below:

	OTHER EXPENSES											
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_	Taxi/Limousine	11/17-21	Can	cun,	Mexico				-53	90	50.00	
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With additional expenses of \$527.52, Niroomand's trip to the 2004 AGB Conference in Mexico came to a total of \$1,812.15, or roughly the annual travel budget of 2-3 CoB assistant professors. Note also that this is a rare occasion wherein CoB Dean Harold Doty signed a reimbursement form other than his own. That's an interesting situation.

Of course, a trip like this one involves several of Niroomand's money pots, as the brief insert below indicates:

Expense	
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523	38
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263	52
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Each of these reports details a small part of the recipe for breaking the back of a Tier IV institution such as USM.