


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:



**EMPLOYEE
TRAVEL VOUCHER**

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Purpose and Place of Visit **Present paper at
2004 Annual Meeting of the
Asso for Global Business
Cancun, Mexico**

**IMPORTANT-SEE INSTRUCTION
ON BACK**

Employee	Farhang Niroomand
Address	Box 5021
Department Name	COB-Dean's Office
Others On Trip	

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

MEALS AND LODGING									
Date	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21				Total
Departure Time	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		
Breakfast	18 00	16 00	18 00	18 00	16 00				80 00
Lunch	6 25✓	--	18 27✓	9 10	14 00				47 62
Dinner	38 18✓	41 82✓	18 60✓	31 00✓	8 06✓				137 66
Lodging	121 62	121 62	121 62	121 62					486 47✕
Total Meals and Lodging									751 75

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:

TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER				
Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amount
11/17	PIB	Cancun, Mexico	air	
11/21	Cancun, Mexico	PIB	air	
Total Travel By Public Carrier				523 38

OTHER EXPENSES

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

OTHER EXPENSES			
Item	Date	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred	Amount
Registration Fees	11/17	Cancun, Mexico	260 00
Tips (baggage handling)	11/17-21	Cancun, Mexico	11 00
Taxi/Limousine	11/17-21	Cancun, Mexico	53 00
Parking/Tolls			
Car Rental & gas	11/21-22	Memphis, TN	168 52
Phone	11/17-21	Cancun, MEXICO	35 00
Total Other Expenses			527 52
Total Expenses			1816 15
MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWED			1816 15

Check Category of Travel (Items 3 through 5 require Permission To Travel Form)

- ☐ Business Trip In-State/No Advance
- ☐ Business Trip Out-of-State/No Advance
- ☐ Business Trip Out-of-State/With Advance
- ☐ Conventions, Conferences, Associations/In or Out-of-State
- ☐ 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.

Employee Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 11/30/04

Approved By: *[Signature]* Date: 11/30/04

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
751 75
13 50
523 38
260 00
263 52

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