

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

Date	From	To	Miles
5/21/04	Hattiesburg, MS	Gulfport, MS	60
6/18/04	Gulfport	Hattiesburg	60

TRAVEL BY PUBLIC CARRIER			Miles	Ticket Amount
			120	37.
			44	40
Date	From	To	Mode	Ticket Amount
5/21/04	Gulfport	Vienna, Austria		1083.04
6/18/04	Vienna, Austria	Gulfport		
Total Travel By Public Carrier				1083.04

OTHER EXPENSES	Place Where Expenses Were Incurred	Amount

The **Travel by Personal Vehicle** plus **Travel by Public Carrier** in this case total more than \$1,100, as the screen above points out.

The total for Bushardt's sabbatical trip to Europe came to \$1,333.11, and it was covered by three pots of money, as shown below:

Expense
205.67
44.40
1083.04

Given that Bushardt's sabbatical involved so many European locations, one would think that word of the subject of his research would have circulated throughout the CoB, yet our investigators can find nothing about his sabbatical project. His **Permission to Travel** form offers very little helpful information in this regard, as shown in the screens below:



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PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

Submit all copies at least two weeks prior to date of proposed trip (90 days prior to foreign travel).

3/2/04

Name Stephen C. Bushardt Title Professor of Management SS No. [REDACTED] ID 3

In compliance with Section 25-3-45 Mississippi Code 1972, request is made for authorization to attend the following convention, association, or meeting:

Economic Institute

Bratislava

Complete Name of Convention, Association, or Meeting (Do not abbreviate)

Place of Meeting

May 8- June 14

Management and Marketing

Dates of Meeting

Department Name

Purpose of convention, association, or meeting (If an advance is needed, but cost of trip will be reimbursed by an outside source):

Sabbatical leave research

Bushardt's international travel authorization form also provides very little helpful information, as the screens below indicate:

FORM 13.20.20
Effective 11/01/2002

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04-01-04
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TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

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CHECK ALL APPLICABLE TRAVEL ITEMS REQUESTED HEREIN:

IN-STATE _____ OUT-OF-STATE _____ OUT-OF-COUNTRY X TRAVEL ADVANCE 0

(See page 2 for instructions)

EMP. NAME: Stephen C. Bushardt EMP. TITLE: Professor of Management EMP. SS#: [REDACTED]
AGENCY: USM DIVISION/BUDGET: Dev/ Marketing 2500.00
DATE (s) OF MEETING / TRIP: 5/8-6/14/04 DESTINATION (s): Bratislava, Slovakia
TITLE OF MEETING: _____
PURPOSE / BENEFITS OF TRIP / MEETING: Sabbatical Leave- research Slovak technical University Economic Institute of Slovak Republic

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: 3,750.00

A number of questions arise. What was Bushardt working on at the "Economic Institute" of the Slovak Technical University? Why did he make side trips to Austria and Hungary? Again, what was he working on?

It has now been about 2 ¼ years since Stephen Bushardt's Spring 2004 sabbatical leave. As usmpride.com readers are aware, SEDONA records are available (as of 2 May 2006), and our investigators consulted those to see what research activities Stephen Bushardt lists on his SEDONA vita.

The only published articles listed in Bushardt's **Refereed Articles** section (in SEDONA) are the two in the *The Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education*. Readers of usmpride.com will recall the installment of **SEDONA Files** that discovered the double-counting that Bushardt engaged in when he listed one article in *TDSJIE* two separate times and with different author combinations. Usmpride.com has also since discovered that Bushardt is an editorial board member of *TDSJIE*, and that *TDSJIE* has a relatively high acceptance rate (see other reports at usmpride.com).

In addition to this pedagogical article with David Duhon (Professor of Management) and Francis Daniel (Assistant Professor of Management) above, the only other article that Bushardt lists in SEDONA (as of 2 May 2006) is a **Refereed Proceedings** at the Southwest Decision Sciences Institute.

Interestingly, our investigators did find something about Bushardt's sabbatical leave in the **Awards** section of his SEDONA vita. That finding is replicated below:

2004: Granted Sabbatical Leave for the spring of 2004 to travel to the Slovak Republic. Invited by the Institute of Slovak and World Economies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Slovak University of Technology Bratislava, the faculty of of mechanical Engineering to participate in joint research and present several papers., University of Southern Mississippi.

Several questions arise here. Why did USM fund this "invitation?" Shouldn't the Institute have funded this "invitation" to Bushardt? His entry covers economics and mechanical engineering. What about management? Finally, if his SEDONA record (or CoB scuttlebutt) is accurate, Bushardt did not even have "several papers" ready for presentation at the time.

When will we see tangible results from Bushardt's Spring 2004 sabbatical? What did the CoB get from it? Maybe the day will come that we learn the answers to these and the other questions.