

UH-Victoria's AACSB Soup

How Niroomand is Traveling to Keep UH-V Accredited in Business

Much like when he was associate dean of the b-school at USM (1998-2007), Farhang Niroomand, now the business administration dean at the University of Houston – Victoria travels for accreditation purposes, particularly regarding AACSB accreditation. Table 1 below shows three such trips made by Niroomand since taking over the b-school reins in Victoria.

Table 1 – Niroomand's AACSB Journeys

Dates	Event	Location	Amount Spent
9/29/09-10/3/09	AACSB Continuous Improvement Conference	Baltimore, MD	\$1,000
2/6/10-2/9/10	AACSB Dean's Conference	Tampa, FL	\$1,500
4/16/10-4/20/10	AACSB Department Chairs Seminar & International Conference/Annual Meeting	Anaheim, CA	\$1,500
			\$4,000

As Table 1 points out, these three trips were made in less than a seven-month period, and total an astounding \$4,000. Interestingly, Niroomand even attended a “Department Chairs Seminar” portion of an April-2010 AACSB meeting in Anaheim. This trip cost UH-V \$1,500, though the department chairs portion of that fee is unknown at the present time. This particular travel voucher, which is inserted below, indicates that Niroomand made this trip to Anaheim “[t]o keep Dean Niroomand current in his role as Dean of the School of Business Administration” at UH-V. The other two trips were apparently made for *the much more important purpose* of keeping UH-V's business school AACSB-accredited, at least according to their respective vouchers, each of which is inserted below.

This report concludes with an alternative perspective on Niroomand's travels provided by a USMNEWS.net reader:

Dear usmnews,

Perhaps the Victoria faculty and staff are all really glad for him to be gone from campus as much as possible. For them the periods of his absences are no doubt the most tranquil and joyous times of the year.

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University of Houston Victoria

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Travel Request

Business Unit: 00765 Date MM/DD/YY: 03/29/10

Name of Traveler Farhang Nirroomand Title: Dean, School of Business Administration

Department: School of Business Administration Traveler's Phone# 361-570-4248

Department Contact: Mary Field Dept Contact Phone # 361-570-4248

Classification of Traveler (check one)

Faculty Staff Prospective Employee Student

Other _____ Passengers (list name(s)) _____

Designated Headquarters UHV 3007 N. Ben Wilson Victoria, TX

Departure City/State/Country Victoria, TX USA Destination City/State/Country Anaheim, CA USA

Departure Date MM/DD/YY: 04/16/10 Return Date MM/DD/YY: 04/20/10

Purpose/Benefit of Travel	<p>Purpose</p> <p>To Attend: <u>To attend the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Department Chairs Seminar and the International Conference and Annual Meeting being held at the Disney Land Hotel in Anaheim, CA</u></p> <p>(Location) City: <u>Anaheim</u> State/Country: <u>California</u></p>
Benefit to University	<p><u>To keep Dean Nirroomand current in his role as Dean of the School of Business Administration</u></p>

Estimated Travel Expenditures	Local Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Travel Expenses direct billed to UHV	_____	+	= <u>0.00</u>
Hotel expenses direct-billed to UHV	_____	+	= <u>0.00</u>
Travel expenses to be reimbursed by UHV	<u>1,500.00</u>	+	= <u>1,500.00</u>
Total expenditures to be paid or reimbursed by UHV	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	+	= <u>\$1,500.00</u>

Type of Expenses:					Estimated cost of travel below:	
Fund	DeptID	Prog	Proj	Speed Type	Amount	
_____	2064	V0019	D0384	NA	12215	\$1,500.00
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Signatures		Date MM/DD/YY
Supervisor (Required)	= <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>3/30/10</u>
Certifying Signatory for the Cost Center (Required)	= <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>3/29/10</u>
Contract/Grant Approval (If applicable)	= _____	_____
President, Provost, or VP For Admin & Finance (If required)	= _____	_____
Chancellor or designee (If required)	= _____	_____
Finance Travel Analyst (If Applicable)	= _____	_____

University of Houston Victoria

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Travel Request

Business Unit: 00765 Date MM/DD/YY: 09/08/09

Name of Traveler FARHANG NIROOMAND Title: DEAN, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Department: SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Traveler's Phone# 361-570-4248

Department Contact: MARY FIELD Dept Contact Phone # 361-570-4248

Classification of Traveler (check one)

Faculty Staff Prospective Employee Student

Other _____ Passengers (list name(s)) _____

Designated Headquarters UHV 3007 N. BEN WILSON VICTORIA, TX

Departure City/State/Country VICTORIA, TX USA Destination City/State/Country BALTIMORE, MD USA

Departure Date MM/DD/YY: 09/29/09 Return Date MM/DD/YY: 10/03/09

Purpose/Benefit of Travel	<p>Purpose</p> <p>To Attend: <u>TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION TO ADVANCE COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS OF BUSINESS (AACSB) CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT THE HILTON BALTIMORE 09/30/09-10/02/09</u></p> <p>(Location) City: <u>BALTIMORE</u> State/Country: <u>MARYLAND</u></p>
Benefit to University	<p><u>TO KEEP THE AACSB ACCREDITATION FOR THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</u></p>

Estimated Travel Expenditures	Local Funds	State Funds	Total Funds
Travel Expenses direct billed to UHV	_____	+ _____	= _____
Hotel expenses direct-billed to UHV	_____	+ _____	= _____
Travel expenses to be reimbursed by UHV	<u>1,000.00</u>	+ _____	= _____
Total expenditures to be paid or reimbursed by UHV	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	+ <u>\$0.00</u>	= <u>\$1,000.00</u>

Type of Expenses:							Estimated cost of travel below:	
_____	Fund <u>2064</u>	DeptID <u>V0019</u>	Prog <u>A0304</u>	Proj <u>NA</u>	Speed Type <u>10551</u>	Amount <u>\$1,000.00</u>	_____	_____
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Signatures Date MM/DD/YY

Supervisor (Required) = *M. Abreu* 9/9/09

Certifying Signatory for the Cost Center (Required) = *F. Niroomand* 9/10/09

Contract/Grant Approval (If applicable) = _____

President, Provost, or VP For Admin & Finance (If required) = _____

Chancellor or designee (if required) = _____

Finance Travel Analyst (If Applicable) = *M. Field* 9/14/09

University of Houston Victoria

Travel Request

TNRU 020910

Business Unit: 00765 Date MM/DD/YY: 10/27/09

Name of Traveler Farhang Niroomand Title: Dean, School of Business Administration

Department: School of Business Administration Traveler's Phone# 361-570-4248

Department Contact: Mary Field Dept Contact Phone # 361-570-4248

Classification of Traveler (check one)

Faculty Staff Prospective Employee Student

Other _____ Passengers (list name(s)) _____

Designated Headquarters UHV 3007 N. Ben Wilson Victoria, TX

Departure City/State/Country Victoria, TX USA Destination City/State/Country Tampa, FL USA

Departure Date MM/DD/YY: 02/06/10 Return Date MM/DD/YY: 02/09/10

Purpose/Benefit of Travel	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To Attend: <u>To attend the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Dean's Conference being held at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, FL. Travel is from 02/06/10-02/09/10.</u></p> <p>(Location) City: <u>Tampa</u> State/Country: <u>Florida</u></p>
	<p><u>Benefit to University</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>To keep the AACSB accreditation for the School of Business</u></p>

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Type of Expenses:						Estimated cost of travel below:	
_____	Fund <u>2064</u>	DeptID <u>V0019</u>	Prog <u>D0384</u>	Proj <u>NA</u>	Speed Type <u>12215</u>	Amount <u>\$1,500.00</u>	
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Chancellor or designee (If required) = _____	_____
Finance Travel Analyst (If Applicable) = <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>10/30/09</u>