

'Yippee Ki-Yay'

Farhang Niroomand, the *AGB Amigo*, Rides Again

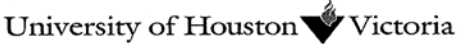
Farhang Niroomand, the current business administration school dean at the University of Houston – Victoria, continues to [exhaust university travel funds](#) at an alarming rate. The velocity with which [Niroomand](#) spent on travel while associate dean of the b-school at USM (1998-2007) prompted the [Niroomand on the Move](#) reports here at USMNEWS.net, which indicate that the former CoB administrator spent more than \$75,000 in travel funds over the 59-month period from Aug-2001 through June-2006. During this period, [Niroomand](#) made at least three trips to meetings of the Association for Global Business (AGB) – one each to Cancun, New York, and Miami – that consumed the astounding sum of almost \$5,000. A *Special Report* here at USMNEWS.net on the NY trip entitled [Niroomand and the AGB Hit the Big Apple](#) indicates that [Niroomand](#) used no fewer than four [pots of money](#) to cover his expenses of around \$1,400. USMNEWS.net's *Special Report* entitled [The AGB "Amigo" Crosses the Rio Grande](#) details Niroomand's [AGB](#) trip to Cancun, which required five [pots of money](#) to cover about \$1,800 in [expenses](#). It is through [investigative reports](#) like those linked here that USMNEWS.net learned that Niroomand holds the high-ranking AGB title of "Amigo."



Niroomand, far left, and the "AGB Amigos" at an AGB conference (ca. 2006).

Now, with the receipt of recent travel documents concerning Niroomand from his current post at UH-V, USMNEWS.net has learned that Niroomand's AGB-related travel continues. As the travel voucher inserted below indicates, Niroomand traveled to Orlando on 12-Nov-2009 to attend the AGB's annual meeting. He reportedly returned to Victoria on 15-Nov-2009. According to Niroomand, the benefit to UH-V of his travel to Orlando in this instance was "[t]o

keep . . . [him] current in the area of global business for the School of Business Administration's global masters program."


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Travel Request

Business Unit: 00765 Date MM/DD/YY: 10/12/09

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

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: ORLANDO, FL

Departure Date MM/DD/YY: 11/12/09 Return Date MM/DD/YY: 11/15/09

Purpose/Benefit of Travel	<u>Purpose</u>	TO PRESENT AT THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR GLOBAL BUSINESS BEING HELD AT THE REGAL SUN RESORT IN ORLANDO, FL. TRAVEL IS FROM 11/12/09-11/15/09	
	To Attend:		
	(Location)	City: <u>ORLANDO</u>	State/Country: <u>FLORIDA</u>
	<u>Benefit to University</u>	TO KEEP DR. NIROOMAND CURRENT IN THE AREA OF GLOBAL BUSINESS FOR THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S GLOBAL MASTERS PROGRAM	

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:

Fund	DeptID	Prog	Proj	Speed Type	Estimated cost of travel below:
<u>2064</u>	<u>V0019</u>	<u>A0304</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>10551</u>	Amount <u>\$1,500.00</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	Amount _____
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Signatures

	Date MM/DD/YY
Supervisor (Required) = <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/12/09</u>
Certifying Signatory for the Cost Center (Required) = <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/12/09</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) = <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/14/09</u>

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Now that the "benefit" of Niroomand's travel in this instance has been revealed, the "cost" of that particular trip is examined. Niroomand notes above an expenditure of a whopping \$1,500, which is an amount in line with those from the three prior AGB trips he made while with USM. From the point of view of the travel voucher above, little has changed concerning the AGB amigo – he continues to blow through travel funds at an alarming rate.