Notes from Department Chairs Meeting, October 9, 2007

The Associate Dean, Department Chairs, and the Director of Resource Management met from 10:00 AM-noon.

Sandi Williams joined the meeting to discuss a new proposed policy from Enrollment Services related to courses completed by students during a study abroad program. All courses would be designated as Cr/NC on the students, SDSU transcript. The student will receive a letter grade from the international university, but the course grade will be entered on the SDSU transcript as a Cr for an earned grade of D- or higher and as a NC only for an earned grade of F. We would prefer that a Cr grade be given only for a grade of C or higher. Also, students receiving high grades may be disadvantaged by having their transcript show Cr grades rather than letter grades. Sandi will relay our concerns to Enrollment Services.

Jim discussed the progress of a recent meeting with ALI representatives regarding the “Semester at SDSU” program. Jim is working with Kristin Miller to iron out the problems from the Fall semester - particularly student/instructor confrontations. We agreed a college online crashing program would help with these students as well as the matriculated and other Open University students. ALI students generate funds for the CBA in the same manner as other Open University students. This money increases the funds available for faculty travel, equipment, and GAs. Jim will ask Kristin to provide a list of the CBA course enrollments for the semester at SDSU students and the amount of funds these students generated for the CBA.

Jim distributed a table which compares the numbers of CBA students between Fall 06 and Fall 07 by major. This information should provide additional input as to where there might be extra needed pre-business and major classes in the Spring 08 schedule.

With the additional demands for CBA classes this Fall, we are concerned about how to better control our numbers of upper division declarants. Jim has had a conversation with Sandra Cook about changing our impaction standards, and is having discussions with Sandi Williams, Kathy Krentler, and Gray Grudnitski about various options.

The chairs continued the discussion on entrepreneurship as a college/campus initiative. Gangaram suggested the following process. Alex DeNoble has designed a model that would involve the entire college. At the next chair's meeting, Alex will be invited to present the design. Alex will then work with the chairs to identify/recruit a college committee which will lead the integration of the entrepreneurship curriculum. The objective is to create an entrepreneurship program that is truly multi-disciplinary.