Notes from Department Chairs Meeting, November 14, 2007

The Associate Dean, Department Chairs, and the Director of Resource Management met from 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM.

The chairs continued the discussion about salary offers to tenure-track faculty candidates for 2008-09. Gail needs to be part of these conversations, but she was out-of-town. The dialogue will continue when she can be present. Jim will check with Michele about her availability when she returns at the end of the week.

Jim discussed the scheduling of department chair reviews. CBA policy requires that chairs (director) are reviewed by their departments in the third year of their position and every two years subsequent. Sharon, Nik, and Joe will be reviewed this Spring; Bruce and Gangaram will be reviewed next year.

Alex DeNoble joined us to discuss entrepreneurship as a college/campus initiative. He showed the MSBA/MBA model which cuts across the departments, then discussed the new undergraduate program, housed in the Management Department, which has passed through the college curriculum committees. Programs across the country look at entrepreneurship, not just across the business school, but across the campus, to allow interested students from science and engineering to take classes which would help them to bring their innovations to market. Alex asked to visit each department to discuss his model and vision for this program. He will put together an entrepreneurship advisory committee with a representative from each department, and will bring a proposal to the Steering Committee to formalize this committee.

Kristin Miller and Bill Price from ALI talked with the chairs about the Semester at SDSU program. There were approximately 220 students in the program this Fall, about 75% who wanted CBA classes. Kristin anticipates 80-100 students for Spring 2008. Kristin will work with the incoming students to get a wish list of courses that they would like to take in the CBA, and the chairs will give Kristin a list of courses that they feel have the best chances of accommodating students. Jim and Kristin will work to ensure that the students are respectful of faculty whose courses they desire to attend. This program generates a considerable amount of money for the college, as these students register through Open University, and the college gets a percentage of each unit fee that is paid. Deb will contact her equivalent person from CES to get the final dollar numbers sent to the CBA from the Fall 07 students in this program.