Chairs/Directors Committee Meeting
November 18, 2014    9:00 a.m.
Minutes

Present: Joe Belch, Janie Chang, Annette Easton, David Ely, Tita Gray, Gary Grudnitski, Davette Kawachi, Kathy Krentler, Larry Rhyne, Mehdi Salehizadeh, Nik Varaiya

1. Interim Associate Dean’s Report

- The funded Student Success Fee Academic Related Program proposals have been announced (http://bfa.sdsu.edu/~ssfee/pdf/SSFARPSpr2015.pdf). Six projects proposed by business students will be funded. To expand the number of funded projects submitted by business students, several steps might be taken. Workshops on this program might be conducted in spring to help our business students develop ideas and to prepare proposals. And, advisers for student organizations might encourage student leaders to submit proposals and offer advice to the students on the writing of the proposals.

- Because the dual/triple degree programs conflict with WASC policy, they are being deleted from the catalog. The Senate APP and ARP committees have approved these curriculum changes.

- The Committee’s meeting schedule for Spring/Summer 2015:
  January 13, 27
  February 10, 24
  March 10, 24
  April 14, 28
  May 12, 26
  June 9, 23
  July 7, 21
  August 4, 18

2. Policy on FERP faculty teaching in external programs

The CBA does not have an existing policy covering FERP faculty teaching in self-support programs. The committee discussed the impact of FERP faculty teaching in self-support programs. Because FERP faculty are not able to teach classes in self-support programs on an overload basis, a state-supported class is replaced with a self-support program class. Thus, FERP faculty in this situation teach fewer state-supported classes. This is not an issue for faculty after they complete their FERP period. Some of the benefits of bringing in new faculty to teach in self-support programs (e.g., enabling younger faculty to interact with senior executives, gain expertise in sports industry) were noted.

3. Director of Resource Management Report

- Faculty Office configurations
  The committee reviewed handouts showing furniture configurations for the offices in the back hall of the renovated space. These have more storage for books than earlier configurations.

- Staff Development Funds: The Dean’s office will provide $6,000 and Academic Affairs will provide $4,500.
4. Release Time for AY 2015/16

The committee began planning for the allocation of release time for research. Tenured and tenure-track faculty have been asked to add their recent research activities to the CBA Intellectual Contributions database by December 8 at noon. The chairs were in agreement that any tenured faculty who wanted a teaching load less than 3-3 should submit a request for release time for research and present a case that their research is impactful. The request and supporting information should be sent to the appropriate department chair. This information will be helpful to the committee to allocate release time for research as well as establish evidence that the research conducted by CBA faculty is impactful. Data on the share of student credit units covered by participating/supporting faculty was distributed. For Fall 2014 (Spring 2014), 78% (80%) of student credit units were covered by participating faculty. By department the share covered by participating ranged from 74% to 88%.

5. Faculty led study-abroad classes

Nine faculty-lead study-abroad classes will be offered between now and Summer 2015. Currently, the registration requirements are less restrictive (minimum GPA 2.0; open to all) than those for enrolling in the same classes on campus.

Gary Grudnitski proposed that the following language be added to the materials promoting the courses beginning in summer 2015: “Open to approved upper division business majors, business minors, or another major approved by the College of Business Administration. For all other students, please contact Gary Grudnitski for further information.” To request to be enrolled, non-matriculated students can submit the standard form to enroll in courses through Open University, non-business SDSU students can submit the Permission to Add a Restricted Business Course form, and pre-business students can submit the Provisional Declaration of Upper Division Major form. The Director of Undergraduate Business Programs will review these forms and give permission to enroll to students other than qualified non-business majors.

6. Adjournment 11:20 a.m.