Notes from Executive Committee Meeting, January 19, 2006

Present: Gail Naughton, Jim Lackritz, Ken Marino, Sharon Lightner, Nik Variaya, John Penrose, Gangaram Singh, Joe Belch, Deb Tomic, Sandy Erlich, Karen Courtney

Guests: Sandi Williams, Chris Graham, Randy Carmical, Heather Haltaufderheide (Development Office)

The Executive Committee met on January 19 from 1:30-3:25 PM in the Deanís Conference Room.

Two of our new hires, Assistant Dean Sandi Williams and Chris Graham, Director of Aztec Business Alliance introduced themselves to those that they had not yet met and talked briefly about what they would be doing in their new positions.

Randy gave an update on the CBA 50th anniversary birthday bash at the House of Blues on March 8. Heather talked about she wanted to be able to help us reach out to our alumni to attend.

Deb gave an update on recent construction activities that took place over the break. The Business Advising Center, Aztec Business Alliance, Real Estate Center, and Executive and Specialized Programs Office have all undergone major facelifts involving paint, carpeting, and furniture.

Each of the Chairs updated their recruiting activities. We had a very busy fall and will continue to bring in candidates for faculty positions during the first part of the Spring semester.

Gail and Nik updated the group of activities for the Peter Chinloy visit during the week of January 23. There will be a reception at the Presidentís house to officially welcome him as the new Real Estate Chair, and he will be involved in other activities during the week.

Karen said that she has hired a new Assistant Director for Admissions and Financial Aid for the Executive Programs who will begin January 30. She also reported that the new Sports MBA class has 35 students with more experience and higher GMAT scores than last yearís class. We will also host a Sports Case competition on February 10-11.

Gail gave an update on her discussions of new international programs as well as one new mainland possibility. She previously had discussions of a joint MBA in Life Sciences with Case Western Reserve, which are resuming with their new Dean.

She will travel to Hong Kong the first week of February to finalize an agreement to offer the IB undergraduate program. The Chancellor has tentatively approved SDSU having a satellite program at CUHK, so we will be responsible for the CBA courses in the IB majors. She has had extensive discussions with Kathy and Gary as to how this could be accomplished without impacting our resources and faculty. We will be looking at
offering several of the core classes through online delivery, upon which we could also use that option to allow us to accommodate more state-supported students. Faculty who travel to Hong Kong to teach would be able to collaborate with CUHK faculty. She has also been in discussions with CUHK on a joint MBA in International Entrepreneurship.

Gail recently traveled to Beirut to visit the American University in Beirut (AUB). They are interested in Corporate Governance, Family Business, a possible joint MBA in International Entrepreneurship, and a possible faculty exchange. She will go back to AUB in March. She is interested in having them as a partner in our International Institute for Biomedical Innovation, an institute to help bring new medical discoveries to market. She has also engaged in discussions on this with potential partners in Mexico, Europe, and Asia.