In an e-mail (dated December 8, 2008) addressed to SC members, Gangaram had informed the committee that he no longer wishes to remain the chair of the SC. As a first order of business, Bill Baker’s name was put forward to be the new chair; a motion was introduced and was seconded, and he was unanimously elected.

Kathy appeared before the committee at 9:30 to present further information on the Intercultural Proficiency Certificate program already passed by the CBA Undergraduate Committee (and detailed in the disseminated minutes of its November 12, 2008, meeting). Kathy shared with the SC additional details regarding the potential number of students expected to take advantage of this program, along with the estimated amount of time a faculty supervisor is likely to spend with each enrolled student.

The SC introduced a motion to support the IPC program. The motion, however, was unanimously defeated. Despite the merit of the proposal, the SC felt that it would be imprudent to approve it until the college has a clear idea of the workload implications of the pending budget cuts.

Next, the committee introduced another motion, which passed unanimously, that the SC will not approve any new "unfunded" programs during these uncertain budgetary times whereby there will be uncompensated resource / time implications for faculty members. Increasing the workload of the faculty, even on a voluntary basis, without first having a clear understanding of the impact of forthcoming budget cuts on teaching loads and class size is ill advised.

Given that the CBA is in critical need of additional resources, the SC agreed that a special meeting will be set up in mid-January between its members, the CBA chairs, and a select group of CBA’s Advisory Board. The purpose will be to discuss the funding and faculty-position challenges facing the CBA in terms of delivering its academic programs, particularly in light of its preparation for up-coming AACSB accreditation. In addition, there is concern that the CBA is receiving a disproportionately low allocation of resources relative to other SDSU colleges and to other CSU business schools. The facts supporting this concern and potential actions to rectify the situation will be discussed.

Regular SC meetings will resume at the start of the Spring 2009 semester.