Undergraduate Committee
Minutes
May 2, 2005

Present: Pat Dintrone, Annette Easton, Gary Grudnitski, Kathy Krentler, Mehdi Salehizadeh, Bruce Reinig
Absent: Najwa Ahad (Student Representative)

I. BAT Results
Pat Dintrone reported preliminary results of the Business Assessment Test (BAT). The test was administered by three different instructors covering six sections of MGT 405. The three instructors used three different types of incentives to encourage participation and effort but there were no significant differences in performance across the sections. It was agree that once results have been analyzed more thoroughly, a brief report should be developed and distributed to the CBA faculty.

II. Other Assessment Efforts
It was reported that oral communication skills are being assessed by faculty in capstone courses across majors this semester. Results of these assessments are not yet available. It was also noted that written communication skills need to be assessed in the Fall 2005 semester.

III. IMPAC Report
Pat Dintrone reported on the IMPAC meeting she attended on April 30. There was a long discussion at that meeting about how the new Lower Division Transfer Pattern would affect the work that has been done by IMPAC. Under LDTP, all of the CSU campuses have agreed to create five lower division pre-business courses (Financial and Managerial Accounting, Micro and Macro Economics, and Introduction to Information Systems) that would be accepted at any CSU from any California community college. While it is likely that the required content of these courses will be very similar to the course descriptions developed by IMPAC over the last three years, the descriptions will now have to be approved by a CSU committee (the exact mechanism has not yet been developed) and distributed to the community colleges. The CSU Business schools may also ask the CSU committee to create and distribute course descriptions for other pre-business courses, or to approve the IMPAC-developed descriptions, so that the community college can create courses that match the required content. This will make it easier for students to prepare properly for transfer to a CSU. SDSU will want to continue to be involved in the IMPAC and/or CSU processes of creating these descriptions and evaluating proposed community college courses.
IV. Updates on:

a. Chinese University of Hong Kong
   Kathy Krentler reported that she has not heard back regarding a memo
   sent to Dean Naughton, which provided suggestions for and reactions to
   the proposed degree Program to be offered at the Chinese University of
   Hong Kong (see UG Committee minutes of 4-18-05).

b. Ethics
   Kathy Krentler reported that she is talking to the various departments
   about plans to develop a required one-unit course for all CBA majors to
   provide the theoretical framework for ethical reasoning. The course itself
   will be developed over the summer. The current intent is to have a new
   course proposal and changes of program (adding the course) for each CBA
   major ready to begin the curriculum process in early Fall semester 2005.

c. Undergraduate Council
   Kathy Krentler reported that she has volunteered to replace Carol Venable
   (whose term in ending) on the University Undergraduate Council.

V. Upper Division Welcome – Fall 2005
   Kathy Krentler reported that Dean Naughton has approved and supported
   going ahead with an Upper Division Welcome reception for upper division
   business students in Fall semester 2005. This will be the third semester such a
   reception has been held. The Committee recommended that the timing of the
   Fall 2005 reception be changed from a Saturday lunch to a weekday lunch.
   Wednesday at noon was the Committee’s preferred time for the welcome as
   few classes meet then.

VI. Undergraduate Committee Membership 2005/2006
   Bill Sterk is running for election and Gary Grudnitski for re-election to fill the
   two open slots on the Undergraduate Committee for the 2005-2006 academic
   year.

VII. MWF Class Meeting Times
    A brief discussion of the CBA’s meeting with Provost Marlin on Friday, April
    29 took place. It was agreed that the change from MW to only MWF classes
    before 2:00 p.m. is likely to affect student demand for various sections. The
    Committee will monitor the registration process to determine if MWF classes
    fill at the same rate that MW classes have in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

This was the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Undergraduate Committee for
this academic year.