In addition to our usual spate of course additions and modifications, the Spring semester saw a major overhaul of the undergraduate business core.

UNDERGRADUATE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF BUSA COURSES

Fall 2006 -- the CEC asked the Undergraduate Committee to evaluate BUSA classes in the core (specifically BUSA 111 and BUSA 365).

As part of the review process, we

- Interviewed current and past instructors of the courses,
- Interviewed department heads who have faculty teaching the courses,
- Interviewed students who have completed the courses,
- Reviewed business core curriculums at peer institutions
- Reviewed course materials and course evaluations, and
- Carefully considered
  - The needs of our students,
  - The resource usage of the college, and
  - AACSB standards.

BUSA 111

Based on our review, we concluded that BUSA 111 seems to be functioning as intended, and we do not believe that any change is needed at this time especially as long as the current instructional team or instructional method remains in place. The adoption of 'Quick Connect' as an early alert program run by NMSU to help identify freshmen with poor academic performance should help retention.

BUSA 365

The complexity of the issues and the strong feelings of those in favor and those against the course resulted in many long meetings in which we wrestled with the pros and cons of BUSA 365 and what recommendation to make to the faculty regarding the course. Near the conclusion of the Spring semester, the committee brought a recommendation to the full CoB faculty for discussion and a vote. In the end, the CoB faculty decided to discontinue BUSA 365 as of Spring 2008, add MKTG 303 as a requirement in the undergraduate business core, and add to business core, a student choice of 1 of the 3 following classes:

- BCIS 485 Enterprise Resource Planning
- MGT 470 Project Management in Organizations
- MGT 344 Production & Operations Management.

Following this decision, the committee had to address some issues related to delivery and prerequisites for the updated business core. These were done in our final meeting of the semester. For more detail, see the minutes of this meeting below.

Issues for Fall:
BUSA 421 - As part of the ongoing review of the undergraduate business core, we should look at BUSA 421. Also, the Management department has requested a change in the prefix to MGT 421, but some
have said that this would de-emphasize the integrative nature of this course. These issues should be reviewed.

AACSB goals. In the Spring, the committee began to analyze where the AACSB goals were being met. This task should continue.

Seminar Course. Dean Carruthers has asked the Undergraduate Committee to consider the possibility of a one-credit course, perhaps offered to seniors, which would combine a discussion of public policy issues with attendance at the Carruthers speaker series. This needs to be addressed.