The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM.

1. Approval of minutes of Nov. 13, 2008
   Motion by Kitting, Garcia second, unanimous approval.

2. Discussion and recommendation of CSUEB ORU (Organized Research Units) policy

   The current ORU policy exists as an Academic Affairs policy, rather than a Senate policy. It describes the process for reviewing and approving ORU proposals and annual reports, in accordance with Chancellor’s Office guidelines in EO729. Currently, the line of authority is for unit heads and Deans to approve ORU proposals, then the AVP of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies (APGS) reviews them, and forwards them to the President for submission to the Chancellor’s Office. It is now proposed that the administrative responsibility for ORUs be moved from APGS to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. The AVP for ORSP proposed that the Committee on Research also have a role in reviewing and approving proposals for new ORUs as well as their annual reports.

   The committee discussed the proposed revisions to the ORU policy, but was not sure about the CR’s role, as the CR would not be making budgetary decisions or determining new ORUs’ programmatic worthiness. The Committee felt that if ORSP has conducted the review to ensure that ORU proposals are complete, it was not necessary for the CR to also do the same task. The Committee was open to the idea of revisiting this topic with Presidential Appointee Dr. Rhea Williamson, but at the current session declined to vote on the policy amendment.
3. Review proposal for a new ORU

Since there was no vote taken for item #2, the committee did not formally review the proposal. However, the director of SDRC, Paul Hippolitus, presented the background of his proposal, “CSU East Bay Center for College Students with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.” The committee was enthusiastic about this proposal.

4. Update IACUC policy

The committee discussed the IACUC policy:

(1) IACUC Purpose and Membership Policy: Add “A representative from the Committee on Research” in Membership.
   Motion by Clarence, Fozdar second. Approved: 5-0-1.

(2) Training Policy: Add “as applicable” at the end of the first paragraph.
   Motion by Garcia, Clarence second. Approved: 5-0-2.

5. Select subcommittee members for Student Research Competition

The committee recommended that Jensen find out the amount of available funding first and select subcommittee members through e-mails afterwards.
   Motion by Shmanske, Green second. Unanimous approval.

6. New Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.