The grants review committee activities are primarily confined to the Winter term and consist of a review of grant applications for the State Faculty Support Grant program and the selection of Student Research Competition presentations. This year, the 23rd Annual Student Research Competition was held at CSU Los Angeles on May 1st and 2nd. The only activity relevant to the work of the committee that occurred during the Spring term was a report of the results of the competition as described below in a message to President Baker. CalPoly was well represented in the competition and two students won first place in their respective competitions.
Memorandum

To: Warren J. Baker  Date: May 14, 2009
President

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From: Susan C. Opava, Dean  Copies: Robert Koob, Provost;
Research and Graduate Programs  College Deans, Department

Chairs, Student Advisers,
Student Competitors

Subject: 23rd Annual CSU Student Research Competition

On May 1 and 2, I accompanied a contingent of twelve Cal Poly students to the 23rd Annual CSU Student Research Competition at CSU Los Angeles, where they were among approximately 180 students presenting the results of their research and creative efforts. All of our students represented Cal Poly with distinction. To their credit, two received awards for their work:

- Gregg M. Erickson, an MBA student, took first place in the Business, Economics & Public Administration category for his research work, “A Comparative Study of Large-Scale Consumer Electronics-Centered Online Forums.” (Faculty adviser: Kevin Lertwachara, Management)

- Mario L. Garcia, a Master’s student in Mechanical Engineering, took first place in the Graduate Engineering & Computer Science category for his research on development of a “Robotic Fingerspelling Hand.” (Faculty adviser: Saeed Niku, Mechanical Engineering)

Other participants included:

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The accomplishments of these students attest to the excellence of our undergraduate and graduate programs and the commitment and quality of our faculty. All of the students who competed deserve our praise and appreciation of their efforts. We especially commend Gregg Erickson and Mario Garcia for their winning presentations.