

Cameron University - Faculty Senate Minutes

January 9, 2015

Members present: Saeed Ahmad, Syed Ahmed, Ginette Baillargeon, Cathy Blackman, Krystal Brue, Joe Castelli, Travis Childs, Mo DuRant, Loree Gaines, Bayard Godsave, Mike Husak, Sarah Janda (chair), Abbas Johari, Gary Kowaluk, Hong Li, Jeff Metzger, Teresa Morales, Dejan Mraovic, Deidre Onishi, Lynda Robinson (chair-elect), Derik Steyn, Andrew Stonerock, Ronna Vanderslice (guest), Keith Vitense, Debra Ward (secretary), Chao Zhao, and Yanjun Zhao

3:01	Call to Order
3:02	<p>John DeBoard, Director of Public Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regarding firearms on campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion regarding firearms on campus has continued since the Virginia Tech shooting. ○ While firearms are still not allowed on campus, legislation has been passed that allows individuals with licenses to carry concealed to carry firearms on campus with the permission of the university president. ○ The debate about whether or not firearms should be allowed on campus is still going. ○ Sarah Janda asked Faculty Senate to take this information back to departments for discussion. If we'd like to do so, we can address our opposition to conceal-carry on campus through a resolution.
3:11	<p>Edris Montalvo, Election Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The process for faculty elections will remain the same this year. The only difference this year is that CampusVote will be used not only to run the servers but also to oversee the election. ▪ Timeline: Jan. 20th - Nomination email sent via Survey Monkey Nominations will be open until Feb. 3rd Feb. 4th-Feb. 15th - Corrections to nominations will be solicited Feb 16th - CampusVote will send email for voting Voting will be open until Mar. 2nd The Rules Committee will meet the week of Mar. 4th to determine results Barring any runoff elections, position announcements will be made the week of 11th
3:18	<p>Approve minutes from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion made to approve minutes without correction. ▪ Motion seconded. ▪ Motion unanimously passed.
3:19	<p>Updates from Sarah Janda (Old Business)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President McArthur approved the use of CampusVote for Faculty Senate elections. ▪ President McArthur approved the faculty award for adjunct faculty and will find internal funding to support the award. ▪ President McArthur approved our recommendation from January's meeting that the chair and chair-elect of Faculty Senate be removed as ex-officio non-voting members of the General Education Committee and that there be one representative elected by and from Faculty Senate to serve as a voting member of the General Education Committee effective August 2015. ▪ Last semester President McArthur approved the change regarding the voting for the Curriculum Committee.
3:21	<p>Q & A with the VPAA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comment: Elections are important even if they're not exciting. Encourage faculty, especially senior faculty, to take the opportunity to offer their expertise by serving on committees. ▪ Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As of this morning, enrollment is still down almost 7% from this time last year. ○ We are showing a decrease in first-time freshmen as well as in sophomores. ○ Enrollment is very important because it helps us make campus-wide decisions. ○ One of our goals needs to be to keep the students we have. ▪ Online Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are using the Quality Matters rubric when courses go through the approval process. ○ We will have to go back through existing courses to make sure they coincide with this rubric. There is not a set date for this work yet, however it is being discussed. ▪ Fort Sill Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There have been some issues with gaining access for those who are teaching at Fort Sill. ○ Be aware that they have started sending all visitors (faculty and students) to the visitor's center for a

	<p>pass. This will most likely cause a delay when trying to get on to the base.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Award E-mail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting for some feedback before sending out the email announcing the new website. However, the website is up and ready for nominations. ▪ IDEA Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kudos on getting students to complete IDEA evaluations. ○ Our response rates are getting better but we still have a way to go. ▪ Tutor.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback from students regarding this service has been great and student usage has been increasing each month. Encourage students to use this service.
3:50	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Committee (Lynda Robinson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee is waiting to hear back from Tony Wohlers with the name of the staff member who will participate in the review of the Handbook grievance policy language. ▪ Academic Standards and Policy Committee (Travis Childs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Turn-It-In pilot will take place this semester and will be run through Blackboard.
3:52	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose of the Go-Green Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gary Buckley, Bob Hanefield, Zeak Naifeh, and Sidney McCormack sent a letter to Sarah Janda regarding the mission and the composition for this committee. ○ Their recommendation for the mission of the Go-Green is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To make recommendations related to increasing campus awareness of environmental and sustainability issues ▪ To suggest methods for continuing environmental education of students, staff, and faculty ▪ To serve as a processing point for environmental and sustainability recommendations arising from any part of campus ▪ To survey current campus practices related to environmental stewardship and make recommendations for improvement ○ Their recommendation for the composition of the committee is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Director of Physical Facilities or designee ▪ Dean of Students or designee ▪ Student Government Association President or designee ▪ Additional student appointed by the Student Government Association ▪ One member of staff ▪ Two faculty members either appointed by Faculty Senate or elected ○ Motion made to approve the recommended mission and to approve the recommended committee composition with the clarification that the two faculty members should be selected as follows: one faculty member elected from Faculty Senate who will serve a 1-year term and one faculty member elected from faculty at large who will serve a 2-year term. ○ Motion seconded. ○ Motion unanimously passed. ▪ Announcement from Keith Vitense <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kudos go out to our student athletes for maintaining GPAs above 3.0 (both male and female). ▪ Long Range Planning Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last year the Rules Committee proposed changes to the composition of the Long Range Planning Committee. They recommended the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three members from Faculty Senate ▪ One elected faculty member from each school who will each serve a 2-year term. (These faculty members will be elected as opposed to being chosen by the Chair of Faculty Senate.) ○ Motion made to support this proposal. ○ Motion seconded. ○ Motion unanimously passed. ○ If President McArthur approves the senate's recommendation to change the one-year appointments for each school to two-year elected positions for each of the four schools, then the Rules Committee will look into staggering these 2-year terms so that they will overlap.
4:03	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>

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