SAFAC MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ramona Hall, Donald Hall, Aubree Helvey, Jim Heflin, Jennifer Holland, Jessica Daoang, Tobias Kuhn, Daniel Brown, Zeak Naifeh, Debbie Mefford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ashley Miller, Shante Hicks, Jessica Kirk, Donovan Demartra

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.
II. Distribution of departmental responses, to questions from the February 24th meeting, was made by Debbie Mefford.
III. Dean Jennifer Holland called for discussion of remaining departmental requests.
   a. Orientation – After a brief discussion of Gold Rush being very expensive and the accounts negative balance, the committee recommended funding at the same level, $7,500
   b. Student Activities – The committee was very supportive of Student Activities. They recommended the full previous funding of $27,000.
   c. Student Government Association – After some discussion as to why SGA had rollover funds. The committee recommended funding at the same level, $12,000.
   d. CUSGA Disbursement Fund – The committee recommended the same funding of, $800.00
   e. Theatre Arts – The committee discussed ways that the Theatre could be run more like a business and should produce at least 2 big name productions per year to bring up ticket sales, and in turn generate more revenue. The committee strongly supports the CU Theatre, but recommended funding of $20,000, three thousand less that requested.
   f. Theatre Fees – The committee recommended the same funding of, $4850.00
IV. Jennifer Holland called for discussion of the proposal questions from the previous SAFAC meeting, February 24, 2009.
V. MSG Harrell arrived and spoke to the committee regarding the important role of ROTC at Cameron University, and how ROTC would continue to represent Cameron in a positive way.
VI. The discussion of the remaining departmental request continued.
   g. Military Science – The committee discussed the information provided by MSG Harrell. They saw the importance of the ROTC program at Cameron University, but felt the requested additional funding was unnecessary. The committee recommended funding at the same level, $7,000
h. Agriculture – The committee discussed Dr. Fischer explanation for the requested additional funding of $500, and decided there would be a necessary increase, but determined to only recommend an increase of $300.00, recommending funding of $4000

i. Art – The committee discussed the explanation, given by Edna McMillan, for the request of additional funding. The discussion covered the substantial increase in travel. The committee felt that the Art Department should coordinate travel with other departments to conserve spending. The committee recommended an increase, but not for the total amount requested. The committee recommended funding of $10,000

VII. Dr. Frisby and Dr. Dunn, from the Biology Department, arrived to explain how they planned to use the additional requested funding.

j. Biology - The committee felt the club has done an outstanding job of reaching a broad range of students. They also felt they were very good about having fund raisers and seem to use their money very wisely. The committee recommended they receive the additional $1000 requested. The committee recommended funding of $2500

k. Career Services – After the committee discussed the answer for the request of additional funding, the committee recommended full funding of $1,400

l. Collegian – After discussion of the reason for the accounts negative balance, the committee recommended funding at the same level, $35000

m. Communication – After discussion on the significant balance of the account. The committee recommended the same level of funding, $35,000

n. Computing & Technology – After discussion of the unreasonably large request of additional funding, an increase of $22,150. The committee felt the department should have additional fund raisers or possibly contact the Biology Department for ideas on how to manage their account more efficiently. The committee recommended an increase of $2000, recommended funding level of $7000

VIII. Due to the time, Dean Holland suggested the committee adjourn until the next meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Discussion for remaining SAFAC request will be at that time.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.