CAMERON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
March 2, 2005

The Cameron University Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, March 2, 2005.
Chairman Vitense called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Room 106, Howell Hall.

I. ROLL CALL
   Present: Vitense, Lambert, Wright-Smith, Miller, Reynolds, Adrian, Bursten,
   Warren, Underwood, Adam-Rockwell, Christensen, Johari, Snider, Raborn,
   Heflin, Su Lee, Hagee, Zhao, Nelson
   Absent: , Bachelor, Smith, Jones, Hodgson, Honeycutt, Fennema, Catterall,
   Crawford, Hoepfner, Armstrong Jr, Penick

   Guests: Lloyd Dawe, V.P. Buckley

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Lambert moved to approve the agenda and Bursten seconded. It was approved
   unanimously.

   Warren moved to accept the minutes and Miller seconded. It was approved
   unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS
   There was some discussion concerning the Academic Standards and Policies
   recommendation to consider a dead-week policy. Vitense entertained a motion
   to have further discussion but there was no motion presented on the table, so
   the item died for lack of a motion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
   Snider noted that spring elections were coming up. He plans to put the ballot
   out on the web. If there is a problem, he will use the e-mail system to get the
   ballots to the faculty. He encouraged the faculty senate members to talk with
   their faculty and encourage them to put their name on the ballot.

   Vitense discussed his experiences during Higher Ed day at the capitol. A 500
   million dollar education bond passed the state senate but must still pass through
   the state House where Speaker Hiett has proposed an alternative bond issue.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   The Fringe Benefits Committee’s findings concerning insurance costs was
   discussed. They looked at the possibility of having the university pick up some
   of the insurance cost for retiring faculty and staff who are under age of 65 years
   with 20 or more years at Cameron. Presently, 43 people would be eligible if this
   new benefit is offered. V.P. Pinkston is concerned about the cost of
administrating it by the university. There would have to be a new bookkeeper hired to handle it.

Lambert recommended that the Faculty Senate forward the findings of the Fringe Benefits committee to V.P. Buckley. Wright-Smith seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Benson presented the Faculty Committee report. They have tried to clarify the rating system in the Faculty Handbook and are about finished making small changes to section four. Buckley suggested that the faculty look at it first then send it to legal. Benson said he would get try to get a copy out to us within a week. Buckley noted that the regents' agenda is compiled about six weeks in advance so we need it in by then.

Lambert motioned to adjourn the meeting and Nelson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wright-Smith
Faculty Senate Secretary