

Cameron University
Faculty Senate
September 13, 2013
Minutes

Members present: Eric Abbott, Saeed Ahmad, Syed Ahmed, Thom Balmer, Travis Childs, Mike Dunn (chair), Rebecca Easley, Tahzeeba Frisby, Courtney Glazer (secretary), Bayard Godsave, Mike Husak, Sarah Janda (chair elect), Abbas Johari, Heather King, Gary Kowaluk, Jeff Metzger, Elizabeth Miller, Alan Moore, Teresa Morales, Cova Newman, Yoonsin Oh, Pam Panzani, Lynda Robinson, Kathy Scherler, Jason Smith, Ali Soylu, Kevin Stieb, Benson Warren, Gabriele Wethern, Frankie White, Chao Zhao, and Yan Zhao

Guests present: John McArthur, President; Ronna Vanderslice, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Annual State of the University Address

President McArthur shared information about the budget, enrollment, upcoming events and efforts. He also answered questions dealing with rigor and retention, ADA accessibility, parking, and advising.

Committee Reports

The Faculty Committee reported that they have been discussing standardized meeting times for the big three campus committees: Curriculum, General Education, and Institutional Assessment. *A motion was made for the Faculty Committee to work with the VPAA to establish these meeting times for next academic year. The motion passed.* The Faculty Committee also discussed the possibility of departmental credit cards but was informed that cards would have to be issued in an individual's name and would require additional staff to support. Additionally, the committee considered the sabbatical policy and found that the language was vague but matched that of other universities, and in 9 years only 4 faculty members have taken sabbaticals. Finally, in future the Faculty Committee will be working with the VPAA to look at the tenure and promotion standards in the faculty handbook with a focus on removing contradictory language.

The Rules Committee is in the process of looking at all campus committees in terms of function and membership. Recommendations will be forthcoming.

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Faculty Senate Elections

The Faculty Senate appointees for the Long Range Planning Committee are: Emily Cheshire, Kirsten Underwood, and Jawad Drissi. An appointee from the School of Business will be appointed ASAP.