Minutes
CAMERON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

November 18, 2011

1. Call to Order
Chair Johari called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

2. Roll
Secretary Carney called roll.

Present: Abbott, Adrian, Billingslea, Carney, Corriette, Couch, Crandon, Cruz, Dunn, Heflin, Hodgson, Janda, Johari, Liu, Metzger, Miller, Sailor, Smith, Soylu, Vitense, Walton, White, Williamson

Provost McArthur was also in attendance.

Absent: Baker, Easley, Estep, Robinson, Wright-Smith, Williams, Gardner (SGA)

3. Old Business

- Approval of the October 14, 2011 Minutes-Chair-Elect Heflin moved that the previous meeting’s minutes be accepted. Professor Janda seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- University Standings Committees and Faculty Senate Standing Committees-There were a number of committee reports:

  Teaching and Learning Committee-Professor Ahmed reported that the committee had met twice and that math and art projects were funded. He indicated that money was still available.

  Long-Range Planning Committee-Professor Dunn reported that the committee discussed the problem of “institutional memory” and that Professor Keller would join the committee for a meeting to discuss this matter and Plan 2018.

  Fringe Benefits Committee-Professor Crandon reported that the committee had met with Vice President Pinkston about the matter of changes to voluntary retirement plans.

  Academic Standards and Policies Committee-Professor Vitense indicated that the committee would meet shortly.
Faculty Development Committee- Professor Hodgson noted that the committee had met concerning three projects.

Rules Committee- Professor Walton indicated that the committee would meet in January.

Action Committee on Student Retention- Professor Sailor reported that each sub-committee would have its own chair.

4. New Business

- Faculty Opinion Survey-Chair Johari distributed a handout and reported on the recent Faculty Opinion Survey.
- The State Regents Faculty Advisory Council (FAC)-Chair Johari reported on being selected to the Council.
- Evaluation of Online Courses- Professor Janda expressed concerns at having chairs, deans, and graduate assistants added to online courses without the faculty member’s knowledge. A discussion followed with Professors Soylu, Heflin, Crandon, and Ahmed, Mr. Williamson, and Dr. McArthur. Professor Janda moved that the Faculty Committee review the process of online evaluations. Professor Crandon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

5. Updates on Recycling Bin Proposal- Dr. Cruz discussed two proposals from the Going Green Committee. The first was an electronics recycling plan with 5R Processors. A discussion followed about the difficulty in implementing this plan without close consultation with ITS and the Business Office. The second involved a recycling bin. After a spirited discussion, Professor Dunn moved that all the Senate members solicit input for a written plan of how their departments (and Residence Life) will provide the necessary labor for this endeavor. Professor White seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2011.