CAMERON UNIVERSITY FACULTY COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES

March 25, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cameron University Faculty Committee met on Friday March 25, 2011. Chair Abbas Johari called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. in CETES, Room 110.

II. ROLL

Present: Abbas Johari, Linda Wright Smith, Mary Dzindolet, David Fennema, Kurtis Koll, Barbara Pickthorn, Joanni Sailor

Also in attendance was Josh Lehman, Senior Director of Cameron University Public Affairs.

Absent: Mike Husak was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Global Faculty/Staff Emails
Chair Johari explained the Faculty Senate requested the Faculty Committee be charged with the task of developing a set of criteria for appropriate Faculty/Staff emails. The committee was informed that a policy already exists and the Faculty Senate had previously approved the policy. Josh Leman explained that only two lists are monitored. These include the “All Students” and “All Fac/staff”. The primary criterion is the “Appropriate Use” which requires the email content to be relevant to all users in the email distribution list. Examples include health and safety, school closings, emergency situations, and official University communication. Josh explained that if an email message is deemed not to meet the criteria, the sender is informed or the denial within 48 hours, as per the policy. He also encouraged those emails that were not deemed appropriate be placed as announcements on Aggie Access. He also recommended the use of the faculty distribution list which is not monitored.

Linda Wright Smith moved to accept and support the policy already in place and suggest faculty use the faculty distribution list which is not monitored.
Kurtis Koll seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Gun Carry Bills
Chair Johari explained the Faculty Senate requested the Faculty Committee be charged with the task of creating a recommendation regarding the current gun carry bills currently in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. John DeBoard, Director of Cameron University Office of Public Safety had been invited to the meeting but was unable to attend. Instead, he sent a letter. The letter was in opposition to weapons being allowed on campus. Chair Johari also presented a previously written letter by Dr. Jim Lambert when he was the Faculty Senate chair in 2007-2008 to President Ross. This letter includes the Faculty Senate’s resolution to support “guns and education do not mix”.
David Fennema moved that a letter be written by the Faculty Senate Chair to President Ross stating that the faculty at Cameron are against House Bills 1796 and 1652 and feel this is an endangerment to students, staff, and faculty. Should House Bill 2087 pass, we are in support of the University President being able to ban the practice of carrying concealed weapons on campus. Linda Wright Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. MOVE TO ADJOURN
David Fennema moved to adjourn the meeting. Kurtis Koll seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanni Sailor
Faculty Committee Secretary