Faculty Senate Long Range Planning Committee

Meeting of October 27, 2004

Present: Vice President Buckley, Lloyd Dawe, David Groves, Scott Richard Klein, Von Underwood, James Lambert, Stanley Bursten, Doug Catterall, Philip Lanasa.

Absent: Michelle Smith, Sivirana Krishnan.

1. Underwood volunteered to serve as recording secretary for this meeting.
2. Underwood offered a brief description of the nature of the committee and its purpose.
3. Under “Old Business,” Underwood presented the results of the survey of Department Chairs conducted last spring as a step toward determining “The institutional signature and the common characteristics of the academic experience at Cameron,” a charge the committee took on in cooperation with Provost Lee. Underwood presented also a low-level summary of themes occurring in the survey responses. Copies of “Cameron University Plan 2008” were also distributed to those members of the committee who did not have one.
4. Considerable discussion ensued in response to the surveys, the strategic plan, and the open question of the issues the committee might address this year. Groves expressed concerns that we may be recruiting students whom we cannot retain without serious reconsideration of zero-level courses and what we do in them. Real growth, in terms of numbers of students, would require that we not raise numbers in the fall only to see them fall in larger percentages in the spring. Lanasa expressed a desire to expand our interactions with public schools to improve preparation of students and recruitment. Lambert urged that the committee begin its work by addressing the core values in the strategic plan, focusing on those aspects that are specifically academic values. The committee also expressed interest in reviewing the Cameron Master Plan. The committee decided to review the core values in Plan 2008 and to work to identify a focus for the work of the committee this year and to meet again on November 17, 2004 at 3:30 in Student Union Room 104.