Approved minutes for the regular meeting of the CU Faculty Senate, January 15, 2010

Officers Present: Chris Keller (Chair), Matt Jenkins (Chair-Elect), Justin Walton (Secretary)


Agenda Items

I. Call to order (Keller)

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

Dr. Heflin moved to accept the previous minutes without amendment; Dr. Estep seconded the motion. Without objection, the minutes were accepted.

III. Old Business

A. Brief Committee Reports

1. Faculty Development—Has met twice; considering four project requests.

2. Long-range Planning—Has met; brainstorming various ideas and projects.

3. Going Green—Will meet today (1-15-10) after Faculty Senate.

4. Fringe Benefits—Considering two major issues: handicapped parking on campus and pay for emeritus faculty.

5. Curriculum Committee—Met in the fall semester; recommends phasing out the natural science major at Cameron University.

B. Faculty Awards (Response from President Cindy Ross)

Responding to the resolution forwarded to Pres. Ross from the Faculty Senate on 11-1-09: Pres. Ross approved the procedures for the selection of awards and recommended one modification. Since the awards are presented by Cameron University as a whole rather than the office of the President, she recommended the word “President’s” be stricken from their respective titles. Reflecting this modification, the awards are:
Cameron University’s Award for Excellence & Innovation in University Service
Cameron University’s Award for Excellence & Innovation in Instructional Technology Integration
Cameron University’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship & Artistic Endeavor in the Educational Enterprise

IV. New Business Items

A. SGA Resolution calling for a smoke-free campus.

Pres. Ross has asked the Faculty Senate to review SGA Resolution #309007 which calls for a smoke-free campus at Cameron University. The resolution was approved by the SGA on 11-23-09. Dr. Keller forwarded the SGA Resolution to the Faculty Committee for review.


Tulsa Community College and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are sponsoring a conference on March 5, 2010, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to discuss the evolution of college textbooks. Senators interested in attending the conference should contact Dr. Keller at their earliest convenience.

C. Faculty Committee Business

Dr. McArthur introduced two items for the Faculty Senate to review: (a) summer salary structure (based upon a “CU Saves” suggestion) and (b) distance learning remuneration.

Dr. Keller assigned both items to the Faculty Committee.

V. Open Floor Discussion/Announcements

A. Cameron University Retirement Incentive Program--A voluntary retirement incentive program is available until March 1, 2010 as a one-time offer to eligible employees. Dr. McArthur briefly discussed the terms and conditions of the program.

B. Pres. Ross will host a meeting open to all faculty and staff members Thursday, January 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Shepler Ballroom. The primary purpose of the meeting is to provide a detailed update of the current status of the university’s budget with projections for the future.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Fennema moved to adjourn. Dr. Heflin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on February 8, 2010.