CAMERON UNIVERSITY

FACULTY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES

November 20, 2002

Meeting was convened at 3:30 PM in Howell Hall Room 106.

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA, AND CALL TO ORDER

Present: Kingsley, Morris, Janda, Bhattacharya, Zoubi, Reynolds, Jones, Warren, Heflin, Reeves, Davis, Bausch, Branson, Netherland, Zhao, Snider, Smyth, Smyth, Raborn, Blackman

Absent: Smith, Dzindolot, Hodgson, Logan, Hofmann, Wright-Smith

Motion to approve the roll/agenda as called: Zoubi; Second: Blackman. The motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS

Motion to approve the Faculty Council Minutes of October 23, 2002 with corrections: Heflin; Second: Bhattacharya. The motion carried.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ross will meet with the faculty and staff from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. in the Sheppler Mezzanine to talk about planned budget reductions. Marge Kingsley highlighted those reductions for Faculty Council, noting that virtually all were coming from cuts in the administration.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Lane Netherland presented a proposal from the Academic Standards and Policies Committee that students be required to clear "I" grades during the first eight weeks of the semester following the assignment of the "I" grade. Under this proposal, faculty would then have the next eight weeks to review the student's work and turn in a modified grade that would take the place of the "I." Much discussion followed.

Motion to table the proposal until more information can be collected: Davis; Second: Snider. The motion carried.

Marge Kingsley indicated that Zoe DuRant would be invited to the next Faculty Council meeting to discuss this matter in more detail.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Marge Kingsley indicated that plans for an early retirement plan have been discussed by the administration, but that so far no action has been taken.

She also indicated that by 2005 Cameron must add two new sports to comply with NCAA guidelines that require all Division II universities to compete in at least one sport during each of the four climate seasons. Cameron will add Men's Cross Country in the Fall of 2004, and is looking at plans to add another sport by the following year.
Motion to support Cross Country as a sport at Cameron: Bausch; Second: Snider. The motion carried.

Victor Wong presented a request from the Student Government Association that Faculty Council support adding a December graduation ceremony for students. Discussion followed.

Motion to support adding a December graduation ceremony for students: Hefflin; Second: Snider. The motion carried.

Discussion then began on the issue of how honor students are chosen at Cameron.

Motion to base honors designations only on grade point average: Bausch; Second: Reeves. The motion carried.

Professor Abbas Johari appeared before Faculty Council to present a proposed Curriculum Evaluation check list. Due to time constraints, discussion of his proposal was interrupted, and will be continued at the next meeting.

Faculty Council members then discussed leave policies at Cameron, specifically the idea of adding a Dependent Leave Policy and a Leave Share Policy. A full review of these ideas was assigned to the Fringe Benefits Committee and will be considered at a later date.

The final item of discussion was the organization/mission of Faculty Council. Professors Davis, Kingsley, Bausch, Morris, and Reeves were assigned to a committee tasked with studying Faculty Council constitutions and organizational structures at other institutions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Bausch; Second: Davis. The motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

Submitted by,
Lance Janda,
Faculty Council Secretary