

Cameron University - Faculty Senate Minutes

October 10, 2014

Members present: Saeed Ahmad, Ginette Baillargeon, Cathy Blackman, Krystal Brue, Shaun Calix, Travis Childs, Irene Corriette, Mo Durant, Loree Gains, Bayard Godsave, Mike Husak, Sarah Janda (chair), Abbas Johari, Hong Li, Jeff Metzger, Teresa Morales, Deidre Onishi, Lynda Robinson (chair-elect), Pam Panzani, Holly Rice, Derik Steyn, Andrew Stonerock, Marge Kingsley (guest), Keith Vitense, Debra Ward (secretary), Gabriele Wethern, Frankie White, Chao Zhao, Yanjun Zhao

3:02	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VPAA Vanderslice not able to attend meeting so Marge Kingsley has come in her place
3:03	<p>Approve minutes from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion made by Derik Steyn to approve September minutes ▪ Seconded by Cathy Blackman ▪ Motion unanimously passed
3:04	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Academic Standards and Policies Committee (Travis Childs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participated in a Turn-It-In demo on Oct. 10, 2014 ○ Turn-It-In is open to ideas for a free 1-semester pilot ▪ Honors Council (Loree Gaines) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met on October 9, 2014 and are planning on meeting on a monthly basis ○ Committee would like to focus on enhancing and increasing enrollment in the Honora Council ▪ Student Services Committee (Deidre Onishi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four new student organizations have been approved ▪ Long Range Planning Committee (Jeff Metzger) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An exit survey will be created for faculty to fill out when leaving the university ○ Results will be shared with Faculty Committee once available ▪ Too Much with Too Little Committee (Marge Kingsley) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is a brand new committee so they are still trying to determine best course of action ○ Three major concerns have surfaced through the development of this committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Campus communication ▪ Department chair training ▪ Spreading workload around more equitably
3:08	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Language needs to be refined and a website should be developed to make accessing the information regarding faculty awards easier ○ Eligibility could be increased from 1 year to two years so applications/nominations do not need to be resubmitted every year ○ Open for comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Largely positive response to proposed changes though there is a concern that streamlining the nomination process may result in more self-nominations ▪ The School of Business supports changes but would like to propose some changes. These changes can be sent directly to Sarah Janda ○ Motion to approve recommendations for changes to the faculty awards made by Bayard Godsave ○ Seconded by Mike Husak ○ Motion unanimously passed ▪ Graduate Council Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Handout provided highlighting proposed modifications/clarifications to Graduate Council membership ○ Major changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Voting rules for the Dean of the School of Business and the Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department Chairs of departments that have active graduate level courses should have representation in the council ▪ The inclusion of the word “active” to signify departments in which graduate courses are currently being offered or in which graduate courses will be offered next semester ○ Motion to approve the modifications/clarifications to Graduate Council membership made by Irene Corriette ○ Seconded by Ginette Baillargeon ○ Motion unanimously passed
3:15	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The President’s Internal Assurance meetings will be held on November 6th and 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendance of these meeting is important and we should all be thinking about possible campus projects ▪ Some projects that have already commenced or have been completed include the development of the Advising Center, changed to remediation, and changes to the way in which we assess our general education programs ○ Please do not forget to send Vinetta Stanton agendas and meeting minutes from all committee meetings ▪ Concern from the School of Business (Derik Steyn) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During the last faculty meeting, a concern regarding student conduct during online testing was discussed ○ The School of Business is wondering whether a statement about online cheating, as well as an example illustrating what online cheating may look like) should be included in the Student Handbook. ○ Open discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The examples in the Student Handbook are not exhaustive. So, it may be good to include such an example. (Sarah Janda) ▪ We act as a recommending body and can’t demand changes to the Student Handbook. (Keith Vitense) ▪ Student Services would most likely be open to this suggestion. (Travis Childs) ▪ The language included in the Student Handbook related to this issue would have to be chosen carefully. We can send this issue to the Academic Standards and Policies committee for further discussion. (Sarah Janda) ○ Motion to send the discussion about including language regarding online cheating in the Student Handbook made by Derik Steyn ○ Seconded by Keith Vitense ○ All in favor ▪ Campus Climate Survey (Irene Corriette) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Dean of the School of Science and Technology has suggested that Cameron University consider the administration of a campus climate survey similar to the survey conducted at Oklahoma City University (see handout). ○ There is a concern that, if campus administration tries to conduct this type of survey, faculty, staff, and students may not feel comfortable being completely open and honest. However, a survey conducted by the Faculty Senate may be better received and people may feel more comfortable sharing ideas and concerns. ○ Oklahoma City University hired a consulting firm to administer the survey. ○ Open discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We can ask the Faculty Committee of the Too Much with Too Little Committee to take on this project. It would have to be a collaboration between SGA, the Staff Advisory Council, and whoever actually administers the survey. (Sarah Janda) ▪ The data collected could be very valuable. (Jeff Metzger) ▪ We do not have any information regarding cost, but the bottom of the handout has contact information. (Irene Corriette) ○ Motion to send this project to the Faculty Committee for further consideration made by Jeff Metzger. ○ Seconded by Keith Vitense ○ Motion unanimously passed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Idea to Build Campus Community (Ginette Baillargeon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the University of Colorado at Boulder, swap meets on Saturday mornings have been organized. A student at the university was sharing this idea and was excited the event. We could consider organizing such an event if anyone is interested. ○ Open discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Something similar was done at another university and it became a city-wide event instead of just a university event. The community got involved. (TeresaMorales) ▪ The City of Lawton has a list serve online where you can list things like this. There are also churches that do similar things. Is this something that would go through SGA? (Lynda Robinson) ▪ Maybe we can send this idea to Student Services for further investigation. We could also see if SGA would be interested. (Sarah Janda) ▪ This idea does go along with the idea of sustainability. Maybe a student group could be put in charge of certain things for volunteer hours. (Mo DuRant) ▪ We can try it as a sustainability initiative for this year. We don't have to send it to a committee. Let's think about it more. If we do decide to pursue it, we will need to contact a student organization or SGA to pitch the idea. Ginette can email Sidney McCormack to see if SGA might be interested.
3:40	Meeting adjourned

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