Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 104, Student Union.

I. ROLL CALL, AGENDA, AND CALL TO ORDER

Present: Underwood (Chair), Bursten, Davis, Lanasa, Groves, Dawe, Fennema, Vitense, Zhao,

Absent: Lee (Provost)

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2003 meeting: Fennema; Second; Bursten. The motion was approved.

An announcement was made that Suzanne Clinton will replace Krishnan as a Committee member.

An announcement was made that next two meetings will be held on February 11 and February 18 at 3:00 p.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

The Committee returned to a discussion of Cameron’s academic signature and the characteristics that make this institution and its individual programs unique. The Committee considered the connection between the University’s mission statement and the academic signature. Since the mission statement is going to be revised, the Committee reaffirmed the importance of identifying the institutional signature.

The Committee discussed strengths or unique contributions of Cameron University: an emphasis on teaching, mentoring and advising students; helping students in their transition from secondary to post-secondary education; the development of students’ skills; graduate success; smaller class sizes; faculty-student contact; the accessibility of the campus to students; and the affordability of education.

The Committee discussed a need for data in its consideration of the University’s areas of strength. Motion to have the Committee chair contact departmental chairs and solicit their feedback regarding three unique aspects of the programs in their department. The deadline for return of information from the chairs is January 26: Lanasa; Second: Vitense. The motion was approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

http://www.cameron.edu/uploads/12/f0/12f0bb97e05ea5fbb9def43ed8bde576/min040107.html

10/15/2010
The chair informed the Committee of the proceedings of the December 12, 2003 meeting of the President’s Planning Committee. The President Planning Committee began the process of delegating tasks derived from the Strategic Plan.

The Committee discussed the president’s letter to the faculty on salary increases and the connection between pay raises and student recruitment and retention.

The Committee explored the idea of developing a motto for the University. The motto would reflect the academic signature and be included on the University seal. One motto considered was Strength, Clarity, and Compassion; others were also discussed. There was general consensus regarding the benefit of having a motto and the Committee agreed to continue discussing this in a future meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
T. Davis, Secretary

Faculty Senate Long-Range Planning Committee