Meeting Facilitator: Ali Soylu, Chair

In attendance: Gary Buckley, Mike Dunn, Roxanne Gooch, Antonio Lavergetta, Lynda Robinson, Richard Voeltz, and Ali Soylu (Chair)

Absent: John McArthur

Item 1: April 20, 2012 Minutes
Mike moved to approve the November 1, 2012 minutes. Richard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item 2: Subcommittee Reports
Discussion: The subcommittees on recruiting/retaining students and recruiting/retaining faculty have not met. The Graduate programs committee has been looking into what other Oklahoma universities are doing. Gary Buckley noted that the state website has a report which not only lists programs, but lists productivity. That we can see not only what other universities are offering but whether or not the programs are attracting a reasonable student base.

There was extensive discussion regarding what kinds of graduate programs we might be interested in pursuing and what the University administration might be in favor of. While we have talked about an interdisciplinary program because more than one department would be involved, there are other options. Richard noted that we lose a lot of history majors to Midwestern and suggested an endowed chair, maybe in Military History might be attractive to Ft. Sill people.

Industry interactions committee: Ali suggested that we contact local companies and ask managers to come for a discussion/survey. Lynda noted that it might prove valuable to ask Psychology what they actually did when they conducted the survey for their most recent graduate program and what worked well and what didn’t.

Item 3: Strategic Partnership with foreign universities
Discussion: Ali had a letter from an acquaintance in Cyprus. This person had visited Cameron and met Ali. Now Cyprus is building a new university and would be interested in pursuing an agreement whereby students and scholars could be exchanged. While the actual agreement would not be under the purview of this committee, the possibilities of looking at such agreements long-range is under the auspices of the long range planning committee.
Item 4: Next meeting
Our next meeting will be held in Business 228 on January 11 at noon.

Item 8: Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Lynda Robinson, Secretary