APPROVED minutes for the regular meeting of the CU Faculty Senate, February 12, 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 2:36 p.m.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

III. Old Business

A. Recommendation from Faculty Committee: Compensation for Distance Education

Based upon a recommendation from the CU Saves incentive program, the Faculty Committee reviewed distance learning remuneration at Cameron University.

On the motion that compensation for distance education remain “as is,” the Faculty Committee’s recommendation passed the Senate by a vote of 21-1.

B. Recommendation from Faculty Committee: Full Tobacco Ban @ CU

In January, Pres. Cindy Ross asked the Faculty Senate to review SGA Resolution #309007 which called 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.
The Faculty Committee recommended a full tobacco ban on the Cameron University Campus. Proponents of the recommendation argued that a full tobacco ban would put Cameron in line with other state campuses and improve the health of faculty, staff and students. Those arguing against discussed enforcement concerns and infringement of personal freedom.

On the motion that Cameron University adopt a full tobacco ban, the Faculty Committee’s recommendation passed the Senate by a vote of 16-4-2.

C. Recommendation from Faculty Committee: Summer School Salary Structure

Based upon a recommendation from the CU Saves incentive program, the Faculty Committee reviewed the summer school structure at Cameron University. After examining different summer school models in the state of Oklahoma, the Faculty Committee recommended adaptation of the model used at Northeastern State University (NSU).

Opponents of the recommendation argued that more data was needed before a vote could be taken; others suggested that a dramatic overhaul to the summer pay structure was shortsighted at this time. Questions were also raised about limited teaching opportunities during the summer term.

On the motion that Cameron University adopt the NSU model, the Faculty Committee’s recommendation failed by a vote of 4-14-5.

IV. New Business Items

A. NCAA Report: Dr. Keith Vitense

Dr. Vitense will present a report on NCAA legislation and student athletes at our next meeting.

B. Status of “Going Green” Committee

Faculty Committee will discuss the official status of the “Going Green” Committee. The committee presently exists on temporary (ad-hoc) status. The Faculty Committee will discuss making it a permanent committee.

V. Adjournment

Dr. Heflin moved to adjourn. Dr. Fennema seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on March 12, 2010.