CAMERON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES
December 6, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER
The Cameron University Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, December 6, 2006.
Chair John Bachelor called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Howell Hall, Room 106.

II. ROLL CALL
Present: John Bachelor, James Lambert, Monika Linehan, Sherry Reynolds, Sue Fuson,
Keith Lavender, Phil Adrian, Lloyd Dawe, Harrison Watts, Mike Davis, Scherrey Cardwell,
Tony Wohlers, Sarah Janda, David Fennema, Phil Schroeder, Gabriela Adam-Rodwell,
Neal Washington, Sharon Christensen, Major U.L. Armstrong, Linda Smith, Ted Snider,
Jeanne Gaunce. Also in attendance was Vice President John McArthur.
Absent: Jason Duan, Sylvia Miller, Ric Jerez, Edna McMillan, James Heflin, John Moots,
Earl Logan, Todd Raborn, Mary Penick

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Faculty Senate members reviewed the minutes from the November 1, 2006, meeting. A
correction was made to NEW BUSINESS on page 4. Under “Other issues,” second
paragraph, second sentence, the word “of” was changed to “if” to read:
Chair Bachelor asked if there were any motions.
Chair-elect James Lambert moved to approve the Faculty Senate minutes from
November 6, 2006, as amended. Ted Snider seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. OFFICERS’ REPORTS
Chair John Bachelor reported the following.
- The Board of Regents approved the September fiscal year Salary Plan Phase II for merit-
based salary increases.
- CETES expansion has begun.
- The Board of Regents approved three endowed lectureships.

Chair-elect James Lambert reported the following.
- Chair-elect Lambert attended the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) to the Oklahoma State
  Regents of Higher Education meeting in Oklahoma City on November 4, 2006 and was
elected to the Advisory Council. He noted that Glen Johnson is the new chancellor. Chair-
elect Lambert provided a handout containing six important points discussed at the meeting.
  1. The percent of college graduates from Oklahoma high school graduates is 12%.
  2. Governor Henry identified Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) as motivation for
     better-prepared college students.
  3. The 2005-06 cost of college remediation in Oklahoma universities was $15,441,000.
  4. There needs to be a closer working relationship between universities and their
     constituent high schools to solve the remediation problem.
  5. There is a movement among some Oklahoma universities to have a single, unified
     remediation course.
6. OSRHE is developing a website for high school graduates to "click, compare, and choose" which universities fit their career profile. This will be operational in February 2007. It was noted by Vice President John McArthur that Cameron should have a strong presence on this website.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning Committee
Chair-elect Lambert provided a handout listing the seven goals for Plan 2008. He asked the Faculty Senate members to evaluate how well each goal has been met, giving each a letter grade (A, B, C) and returning the graded lists to him as soon as possible. He reported that Plan 2008 is the starting point for Plan 2013 and that John Morris will be the Chair for Plan 2013.

Faculty Committee
Chair-elect Lambert reported that the Faculty Committee has met five times to date. The committee did not have a draft of the Faculty Handbook for today's Faculty Senate meeting; however, Chair-elect Lambert stated that a draft would be ready for review in January. He also explained that other items referred to the Faculty Committee at the last Faculty Senate meeting were not included on the Faculty Committee agenda because completing revisions to the Faculty Handbook takes precedence.

Information Technology Advisory Committee
Linda Wright-Smith reported that the Information Technology Advisory Committee is investigating technology tools used in university classrooms. The committee will research best case examples of the most up-to-date technology used in a variety of classroom situations. Individual members of the committee will focus on classroom technology in their areas of expertise. The goal is to determine how and where classroom technology can be improved at Cameron.

Research Committee
Sarah Janda reported that funding for five research proposals has been approved. She also stated that because the committee could not meet until mid November, it put faculty applying for research funding at a disadvantage.

Academic Standards & Policies Committee
Mike Davis reported that the Academic Standards & Policies Committee will meet next week to discuss logistical problems with the IDEA course evaluation pilot.

VI. STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT
Chair John Bachelor stated that he is the advisor to the Student Government Association. He provided a handout of the Student Government's Resolution 306004 for review by the Faculty Senate. This is a resolution calling for Cameron University to promote a breathe easy campus. Chair Bachelor informed the Senate that the Student Government had originally proposed a campus-wide no smoking policy, but that it was tabled to committee. The current version of the bill will prohibit smoking except in designated areas and chewing tobacco is still allowed. He stated that every year the Student Government Association introduced a nonsmoking bill, and this particular bill has been a two-year effort. This year the Student Government circulated a petition and conducted a survey of student preferences.
Chair Bachelor stated that the Faculty Senate can endorse this bill or pass a modified. Faculty Senate’s resolution can then go to administration along with the Student government bill.
Chair-elect Lambert moved to endorse the Student Government nonsmoking resolution. Linda Wright-Smith seconded the motion.
Chair Bachelor asked if there was any discussion on the resolution.
Lloyd Dawe moved to table the motion to endorse the resolution until the January 10, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting. Gabriela Adam-Rodwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of the Student Government Association nonsmoking policy ensued.

Keith Lavender stated on the record that the Physical Education Department is 100 percent in favor of a nonsmoking policy.

Chair Bachelor noted some things to consider concerning this bill.

- Does the Faculty Senate support designated smoking areas?
- Do we have feedback on the logistics and location of the twelve designated smoking areas?

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Faculty Senate minutes

The question was asked if Faculty Senate minutes are available on the Web. The minutes that are on the Web are not up to date. Monika Linehan will investigate posting all approved minutes to the Web. In the meantime, anyone wanting an electronic copy of the Faculty Senate minutes from this year can email Monika to request a copy. Also, all Senate Committees should post their minutes on the Web as well.

Plagiarism policy

Sarah Janda inquired if there will be an update to the current plagiarism policy. A discussion of the plagiarism policy ensued and several questions were raised. Below are highlights of the discussion.

- The Academic Honesty Committee will address this issue in January 2007.
- There is a formal statement of support for the plagiarism policy from the Faculty Senate as well as a student statement of support from the Student Government Association.
- Will there be plagiarism education and can it be made a part of student orientation?
- Will the policy apply across campus?
- There is a focus to make the policy stricter – a two strike and you’re out policy.
- There will be instructor discretion on the application of the policy.

Vice President McArthur stated that other universities have an F! or F Shriek policy. Any student who fails a class due to dishonesty has an F! recorded on their internal transcript. He also stated that the Deans have met to discuss how to protect faculty in matters of plagiarism. He noted that the State of Oklahoma covers faculty if a student sues in a dishonesty case.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Wright-Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. David Fennema seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. in Howell Hall, Room 106.

Respectfully submitted
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Faculty Senate Secretary