I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cameron University Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, January 11, 2006. Chair James Lambert called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Howell Hall Room 106.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Lambert, John Bachelor, Linda Wright-Smith, Edna McMillan, James Heflin, Harrison Watts, Jason Duan, Sylvia Miller, Sue Fuson, Joe Jones, Mike Davis, John Hodgson, Doug Catterall, Suzanne Crawford, David Fennema, John Moots, Phil Schroeder, Loree Gaines for Gabriella Adam-Rodwell, Chao Zhao, Sharon Christensen, Major Armstrong, Jr., Ted Snider, Mary Penick, Jeanne Gaunce

Guests: V.P. Gary Buckley, V.P. Glen Pinkston, Dr. Keith Vitense

Absent: Sherry Reynolds, Phil Adrian, Todd Raborn

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heflin moved to approve the minutes and Fennema seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. REMARKS FROM OFFICERS

Chair James Lambert reported from a Cameron News Release which announced President Ross’s unveiling of the plans and logo for our centennial 2008 and its associated fund raising campaign. He noted that 68% of the funds have been raised. Lambert also sent the senate decision on course evaluation to President Ross. She has not responded back. Lance Janda is looking into the different commercial evaluation packets. V.P. Buckley thinks it is workable.

Chairman Lambert reviewed the memorandum from President Ross to the Faculty Senate which covered the establishment of endowed lectureships, academic reorganizations, and the fiscal year 2005 salary plan. The committee to help in the screening process of a new School of Liberal Arts dean has been formed and named by President Ross.

V. GUESTS

V.P. Glen Pinkston reviewed the Campus Master Plan 2015. There was a diversity of input and a campus-wide questionnaire to provide guidance from the
faculty, students and Lawton/Fort Sill. Pinkston reported that it was a goal to make Cameron look a little more collegial. There was an effort to define a border to help Cameron stand out from the surrounding buildings. Mr. Pinkston also covered how it was planned to spend moneys which have been allocated and possibly construct more buildings, such as an addition to the business building and new student activities building. The "master plan" calls for the creation of a pedestrian mall with water features and developing focal points to help define the entrances. The building architecture is being changed from a flat top to pitched roofs and we have developed a Cameron color palette of four different colored bricks for the buildings. Wind eats up banners so we usually have to replace 20 banners a year. We have received an Oklahoma clock from the McMahan Foundation and we have to determine where to place it. The present student union has classrooms, food court, Greek offices, and bookstore. The present student union would be used for classrooms. The new student union would include a ballroom. Mr. Pinkston does not think it will cost $140 per square foot to fix West Hall. It might be feasible to do as was done in CETES building which was to change the roof line to get the elevators and bathrooms in. Dr. Buckley said we need to decide what we will do with West Hall. West Hall was originally used as a dormitory. The rooms are relatively small. Cameron Village is full in its first year of occupancy. Cameron borrowed $9-million to build it and can borrow more money when this building has paid for itself. In that event, we could expand student housing in this area and establish an east/west and north/south corridor for movement to different parts of the university. This concluded Mr. Pinkston's report. Several followup questions were asked Mr. Pinkston—to which he responded. Chair Lambert thanked Mr. Pinkston for keeping Faculty Senate advised of the 2015 Master Plan.

Dr. Vitense was our second guest speaker. He presented data to demonstrate that the student athletes are maintaining a better average GPA than the general student population. NCAA legislation that has a new provision that requires a student athlete to pass 6 hours towards their degree each semester. When student athletes transfer from one university to another, both universities are required to certify their eligibility. A team can go on without a particular player, so a team player cannot miss a class for practice unless they are at an away site for that particular practice. It is a violation of NCAA regulations to skip class for practice. Student athletes are enrolled by Dr. Vitense because the CAMSIS does not recognize the difference between a drop/add and an initial enrollment. Student athletes are required to be enrolled in a minimum 12 hours. Dr. Vitense asked that the initial enrollment and advisement be done by the departments. Faculty advisors can call Janie Harrell (ex. 2235) to override that hold for this initial semester enrollment. Any changes after the initial enrollment have to be done by Dr. Vitense. The Athletic Director, Jim Jackson, is trying a pilot program to increase the attendance at basketball games. They have handed out basketball tickets, one child/one adult, to area elementary students in the pilot program.

V.P. Buckley had some information to share with us. We are looking for faculty in residence. Whoever wants to volunteer should contact Dr. Buckley or Dr. Janda. The Post-Tenure Review memos have been sent out. They used the
data from the deans to create the schedule. The purpose is to have tenured faculty members look back five years and forward five years to see what they have accomplished and what their future goals are.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

John Bachelor moved to bring the previous month’s discussion of adjunct representation be brought from the table for a discussion and vote. Catterall seconded the motion. Chair Lambert proposed a friendly amendment to limit the discussion to five minutes. Bachelor and Catterall agreed and the motion passed. In discussion of this issue. Senator David Fennema noted that theater adjuncts felt they should be allowed to vote as well as having representation. Many of them have other employment and will not have the time to come as adjunct representatives. Chair Lambert noted that this proposed amendment comes from the Faculty Committee and from full senate debate. This is just a way to give them some representation. Senator Jason Duan sent it to the School of Business faculty and they selected option E. Senator Wright-Smith reported that the Multimedia Department adjuncts look forward to having representation, and one adjunct had already asked to be a candidate for the adjunct representative position. Adam-Rodwell noted that in the Biological Sciences Department the adjuncts generally do not show up for departmental meetings. Catterall said there is more neutrality of opinion among the adjuncts and they are speaking for a group which has little intra-departmental contact. Chair Lambert called for a full Faculty Senate voted on this proposed amendment. Fennema seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 14 for and 7 against. The proposed amendment will now go to the Rules Committee (Dr. Ted Snider, chair) for a full vote by the Cameron faculty. A vote for this amendment by two-thirds of the faculty who vote from the special election is necessary for the measure to pass. In the event that it passes, President Ross has the final authority right to either approve or veto the proposed change.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Catterall gave an overview of the Research Committee meeting. There was one research proposal submitted from Dr. Frisby of biological sciences and was approved with full funding. They are recreating an on-line discussion board for their members and will hold their next meeting the 21st of this month. Dr. Dzindolet is the Chair of the Research Committee.

Dr. Buckley noted that Lance Janda is overseeing the graduate school. They are looking at graduate student recruitment. There is an associate dean of graduate school.

John Hodgson encouraged faculty to send e-mails of their opinions on the websites for campus-wide evaluation (these have been listed again below for your convenience).

The next meeting will be February 1, 2006. Senator Fennema motioned to adjourn the meeting and Senator Jones seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Check out these websites concerning Commercial Student Rating Forms:
CIEQ  http://www.cieq.com/
SIR II  http://www.ets.org/hea/sirII/index.html
IDEA  http://www.idea.ksu.edu/products/Sturatings.html

Respectfully submitted,

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