Long Range Planning Committee
Approved Minutes
Dec 12, 2011

Call to Order: 4:00 pm by Chair Mike Dunn


Minutes: Minutes taken at the previous committee meetings in Oct and Nov of the fa11 semester were considered. A motion to approve the Oct minutes was made by James Heflin with a 2nd from Abbas Johari. A motion to approve the Nov minutes was made by James Heflin with a 2nd from Andrew Baker.

Old Business:
• Chris Keller had previously discussed plan 2018 as an invited guest. There was a concern from the committee on avoiding overlap of planned activities.
• A proposal was made to set long range faculty goals for periods of 5, 10, 20, and 30 years and to gain Faculty Senate approval toward this end. Three areas were considered: Graduate programs, university-industry relationships, and tracking of students.

New Business:
• In relation to old business, Mike Dunn proposed that the committee look at the goal areas as separate assignments.
• Provost McArthur mentioned that, in relation to tracking of students, he thought it important to focus on student retention and graduation, as opposed to student recruiting only.
• Mike Dunn discussed the tracking issue in relation to the public perception of Cameron University. Andrew Baker discussed also discussed public perception of the university in relation to identifying with iconic images.
• Abbas Johari discussed the possibility of tracking and retaining professors at Cameron. Provost McArthur also discussed that, in general, awarding tenure could be a 30 year commitment on the part of the university, and therefore requires careful consideration by administration.
• Provost McArthur suggested presenting an outline of discussed goal areas as a matrix for Faculty Senate consideration. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea, and arrangements would be made to present this in the first sp12 Faculty Senate meeting.
• General discussion revolved around other Oklahoma institutions long range planning efforts and possibly using this information to further committee ideas and goals.

• Provost McArthur mentioned the state Regents and the state legislating bodies base planning on a year-to-year basis. This is probably due to the fact that budgets have to be accounted for and closed out on a yearly basis, and also due to term limits for legislators. Also discussed was the multi-year planning of the Complete College America program, which is focused on initiatives in retention toward graduation and closing such gaps for underrepresented populations. Complete College America has alliance members from 30 states, including Oklahoma.

• James Heflin asked about Oklahoma think tanks and a then discussion ensued about the Southern Regional Education Board which looks at retention and completion at pre-K through higher education levels and shared curriculums in a regional area including 16 states. Oklahoma is represented in this organization.

• At the conclusion of the meeting, initial assignments were give to committee members (as they volunteered) for the following goal areas: Graduate programs (Mike Dunn and Lynda Robinson), student retention (Andrew Baker), faculty retention (Abbas Johari), and university-industry relationship (James Heflin).

Next Meeting: Proposed for Fri Jan 20, 2:00pm

Adjourned: At 5:00pm, Mike Estep made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by multiple members.