CAMERON UNIVERSITY
LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES

April 9, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cameron University Long-Range Planning Committee met on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Chair Mary Penick called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Student Union.

II. ROLL CALL


Absent: Sylvia Burgess, Carla Guthridge, Sherry Reynolds, Tony Wohlers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2008, meeting. Jim Lambert moved that the minutes of the February 20, 2008, meeting be approved as printed. Syed Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

Jim Lambert reported on the status of Elder Hostel. He stated that at this time there was not much to report but that he would be working with Frank Zittle on the project. The goal is to host an Elder Hostel at Cameron by Summer 2009, with a secondary goal of Summer 2010. The plan is to start small, with the option of increasing the number of days going forward. The initial Elder Hostel could span three days, with participants arriving on a Wednesday night and taking part in activities on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Activities could be built around attractions such as the Wildlife Refuge and the Chisholm Trail Museum. It was noted that Elder Hostel participants enjoy evening events and might enjoy dinners in Duncan, Marlow, and Meers. Chair Penick suggested that Medicine Park, which is on the national registry of historic places, would be another interesting attraction for Elder Hostel participants. Jim stated that next year he would serve as an adjunct member of the Long-Range Planning Committee in order to continue working with the Elder Hostel project.

Chair Penick stated that she had not heard from Sylvia Burgess regarding the status of BRAC. Jim stated that the current troop deployment has a definite influence on BRAC. Troops are currently on short-term deployment, which leads to the need for short, condensed college courses. Syed suggested that most of these courses will be distance learning, and Chair Penick added that there has been discussion about creating courses that are taught completely online.

Jim Lambert commended Chair Penick for her leadership of the Long-Range Planning Committee this year, stating that it has been one of the most profitable years for this committee. He went on to say that next year the committee should look at Plan 2013. He also noted that once the Student Activities Center is completed, there would be more opportunities for Cameron to host seminars or even the legislative caucus. Additionally, Jim commended Dr. Ted Snider, who is retiring this year, for his work and contributions to the Long-Range Planning Committee. He suggested that Ted could be a guest speaker at Elder Hostel.

The question was raised as to what would become of the old Student Union after the new Student Activities Center was complete. Chair Penick stated that there were plans to enlarge Room 104 (our meeting room) to accommodate the Faculty Senate. There was also talk of turning the building into a faculty club or center for faculty social activities.

Jim Lambert suggested that next year the Long-Range Planning Committee could take on the project of making graduation week special for students and their families. He noted that many
families come for graduation from out of town and there is a need for accommodations and special events and activities for family members to take part in. Syed suggested the Cameron could purchase and renovate houses around Cameron to use for student housing or lodging for families attending events. These properties could also be used as single-family housing for married students with children. Additionally, renovating these old properties would beautify the campus. Jim added that Glen Pinkston indicated that sidewalks on campus would be repaired for safety reasons as well as campus beautification. It was noted that there was a need for additional sidewalks in various locations on campus, such as the distance between the Music building and the dorms.

Jim Lambert announced that Tommy Beavers would give a presentation at Cameron on April 28 to answer questions regarding the Oklahoma Teacher Retirement Plan. The presentation will be held at 4 p.m. in the Goodyear Room of the Science Complex. Phil Adrian is organizing this event and can be contacted with questions.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Lambert moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Penick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The Long-Range Planning Committee will meet again in the Fall of 2008, with the date, time, and location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted
Monika Linehan
Secretary, Long-Range Planning Committee