Teaching and Learning Committee Minutes
Cameron Exchange, Room 101c
October 14th, 2013

Chairperson: Dr. Wohlers/Margot Gregory
Secretary: Rose M. Welch
Present: Stephanie Boss, Dr. Susan Hall, Margot Gregory, Dr. Carolyn Kinslow, Lisa Restivo, Rose M. Welch, Nikki Kirk, Jeff Larson, Dr. Terry Conley, Dr. Tony Wohlers. Christianah Olubajo
Absent: Dr. Syed Ahmed, Francisco Patino, Joel Barnaby, Kyle Moore

In the absence of an official chair, the meeting was not formally opened, and neither old nor new business was specifically delineated, so these minutes are chronological with the exception of the vote records, which are listed next to each proposal discussion.

Dr. Wohlers passed out agendas and data sheets. He went over the need for a new chair and secretary and asked for volunteers. None were forthcoming. Rose M. Welch asked Dr. Wohlers to give a brief list of duties for each position. Dr. Wohlers did so. Rose M. Welch offered to volunteer for either position, if someone would volunteer for the other. Margot Gregory volunteered to chair. Stephanie Boss motioned for Margot Gregory as chair. Mr. Jeff Larson seconded this motion. Motion carried. Stephanie Boss motioned for Rose M. Welch as secretary. Dr. Hall seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Introductions:
Dr. Tony Wohlers, Academic Enrichment
Christiana Olubajo, SGA Senator - Science and Technology
Stephanie Boss, Physical Education
Rose M. Welch, English and Foreign Languages, Honors Department
Nikki Kirk, Programming Activities Senator - SGA
Dr. Susan Hall, English & Foreign Languages.
Lisa Restivo, Distance Learning
Dr, Terry Conley, Science & Technology
Jeff Larson, Video Production – Academic Commons
Dr. Carolyn Kinslow, Center for Writers – English and Foreign Languages
Margot Gregory, Academic Commons
Dr. Wohlers outlined our budget. We currently have a $30,000 beginning budget. If we approve all proposals, then we will have $12,076.51 remaining. Dr. Wohlers brought in several people to present their proposals.

**Dr. Kirsten Underwood, Department of Music:**
Dr. Underwood outlined a trip to Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas. She highlighted the difficulty of guitar students in personally viewing other ensembles in the local area. Dr. Underwood spoke about the ensemble in question, whom are concert musicians from England, and expounded upon the multiple educational outcomes made available by this trip. Rose M. Welch asked about the innovative aspect of the trip. Dr. Underwood stated that this is not a new idea or an innovative concept or teaching method; only 'new' in that Department of Music does not ordinarily do this. Lisa Restivo asked for more information about the driver. Dr. Underwood specified that they had some ideas for a driver, but there was not a specific choice at this time.

**Dr. Yoomsin Oh, Department of Health and Physical Education:**
Dr. Oh wants to create a new course introducing technology into health courses, such as the popular FitBit. Dr. Oh spoke about the multiple applications for the proposed technology purchase, thus maximizing our dollars. Lisa Restivo asked if Dr. Oh intended on making exercise a game. Dr. Oh affirmed this statement. Dr. Kinslow asked what the fiscal purpose was. Dr. Oh explained the exercise properties of geocaching. Dr. Conley asked if we were talking about inexpensive GPS devices and if they was different from GPS on cell phones. Dr. Oh explained that they were the same, but that not all resources are equal among students, in regards to smart phones and data plans. Nikki Kirk asked if geocaching was integral to her course. Dr. Oh affirmed this, because of changes in how we use technology in home exercise. Rose M. Welch asked about student receptivity to the introduction of gaming consoles into other courses, in regards to a previous T&L grant. Dr. Oh stated that her students very much enjoyed the classes and the use of technology, but that it was too soon for specific data, aside from anecdotal. Rose M. Welch asked if Dr. Oh’s department would fund this proposal if T&L chose not to do so, or if any other funding options had been explored. Dr. Oh stated that she did not know, and that she had not explored any other funding options. Some discussion of geocaching continued, with Dr. Hall asking if students would be able to use their own phones. Lisa Restivo asked about class sizes; Dr. Oh stated that students could use their own phones or group together to use the GPS devices purchased within this proposal.

**Dr. Kathy Scherler, Department of Music:**
Dr. Scherler gave a synopsis of her proposal, and stated that she wanted to develop her singers’ abilities and help them to be able to perform pieces from any time period. Rose M. Welch asked if other colleges bring in musicians to perform with students. Dr. Scherler stated that this is common and not new for
colleges of our size. Rose M. Welch asked Dr. Scherler to explain what is innovative about her proposal. Dr. Scherler stated that music from the 20th century provides a big leap from the usual classical repertoire and that practicing music from the contemporary time period would help her students quite a bit in terms of skill. Lisa Restivo asked about the performance audience; Dr. Scherler stated that she is not sure whether or not it would be a free public performance or a fee-based performance, but that it would be at the theater and the performance would be shared with the Centennial singers. Dr. Scherler spoke about adding a Pearl Harbor remembrance piece to the typical "Christmas" program, and her desire for a varied repertoire for her students. Dr. Conley asked if she had explored other funding sources. Dr. Scherler stated that her department denied her request and that she is not allowed to look for other funding. Dr. Scherler spoke about the late time of year for booking performers, which is part of why the expense is high. Dr. Scherler stated that this is a repeating course so it could be done later, but that she would love for her students to do this now, so they can be challenged. Dr. Wohler's asked who told her that she cannot look for additional funding. Dr. Scherler stated that her chair gave her this information. Dr. Wohlers mentioned the Arts Council, and that they would talk later.

**Scherler: 6 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstaining.**

Lisa Restivo stated that the cost is not great and it is a good investment for our students. Dr. Kinslow agreed and further stated that it is a new piece. Dr. Hall and Dr. Wohlers both stated that their view of the innovation comes in this type of thing not being previously done at Cameron, and with this work not being the usual type of piece chosen for classes. Dr. Kinslow agreed. (Dr. Conley asked how much money we had. There was some confusion about the current amount available; which is $30,000. These funds are not all available to the committee, because any proposal under $500 is decided by Dr. Wohlers and the committee chair, and not by the committee as a whole.) There was some talk of the timing of this request. Nikki Kirk stated that Pearl Harbor part was great for the community. We again discussed whether or not this meets our guidelines. Rose M. Welch agrees that this is a great proposal in terms of how great it would be for those students, that department, and the community, but doesn't see how this meets our guidelines. Dr. Conley also does not feel that this proposal meets our guidelines. Dr. Hall, Dr. Kinslow, and Lisa Restivo all feel that this proposal meets our guidelines. Dr. Kinslow stated that we should discuss all of the proposals before voting on any of them. Rose M. Welch agreed.

**Dr. Oh: 9 Yes, with the stipulation that technology prices are checked through the IT Department.**

Lisa Restivo stated that the proposed costs were high for iPads, and stated that iPad purchases should go through IT to save money. Rose M. Welch asked if we could stipulate that as a condition and Dr. Wohlers said yes. Lisa Restivo spoke further on the cost difference between going through IT and as listed on the proposal. Otherwise, Lisa Restivo fully supports this proposal, as do Stephanie Boss and Rose M. Welch. Dr. Kinslow asked how geocaching is innovative, and Rose M. Welch replied that the integration of technology into geocaching is innovative, as is the introduction of Fitbit and other emerging
technology into these courses. Dr. Conley and Rose M. Welch concurred on the innovativeness of this proposal.

**Underwood: 0 Yes, 9 No. This committee recommends that Dr. Underwood seek other funding for this proposal; specifically SAFAC.**

Everyone agrees that this trip is well-budgeted, but this proposal seems more appropriate for SAFAC. Dr. Kinslow and Dr. Conley agree that this proposal meets an instructional need but does not meet our Proposal Guidelines. Dr. Hall asked if we could recommend them to another committee. Rose M. Welch recommended SAFAC.

**Nandedkar: 0 Yes, 9 No. This committee recommends that Dr. Nandedkar seek other funding for this proposal; specifically SAFAC.**

Lisa Restivo and Dr. Kinslow commented on the cost of the trip, specifically hotel prices, and the lack of innovation. Rose M. Welch stated that she has seen the inside of Rackspace for free online, no trip necessary. Dr. Hall commented on the low impact of our dollars. The consensus is that this is neither innovative nor a good use of our dollars.

**Hilbert: 9 Yes, 9 No.**

Lisa Restivo supports this proposal, on the condition that Dr. Hilbert coordinates with IT on pricing. Rose M. Welch stated that it is a good proposal because children are using these technologies at home and our childhood education graduates need to know how to use these in classrooms. Lisa Restivo spoke about integration on the K-12 level; Rose confirmed that this is happening in Cache and Lawton Public Schools.

We touched back upon the Real Babies and clickers; the Real Babies will be funded with this 30k, but the clickers are still a bone of contention. We went over the minutes from the last meeting, specifically that the issue of clickers should go to Faculty Senate for approval then to IT for standards, before it comes back to us.

Votes were taken.