Minutes

CAMERON UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
October 14, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chair Johari called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Roll

Secretary Carney called roll. Attendance was as follows:


Absent: Adrian, Couch, Cruz, Hodgson, Smith, Vitense, Walton, White, Williams

Also, in attendance was SGA President Cody Gardner.

3. Guest Speakers

- Dr. Jenkins, Campus Master Plan Updates and Faculty Participation-Professor Jenkins informed the Senate about a web-based survey and asked that we forward that information to our departments. He also announced a meeting with the architects on November 8, 2011 at 3:30 PM at a location yet to be determined.

- Provost John McArthur- Provost McArthur discussed the changes to the Cameron University Faculty Handbook. The changes will go into effect January 12, 2012. He discussed some of the changes and Professors Janda, Robinson, and Ahmed, and Chair-Elect Heflin discussed the provisions in the new handbook regarding the various types of faculty leave. Provost McArthur then discussed the IDEA evaluations and the fact that the evaluations for a particular faculty member are to be destroyed when no longer needed.

- Although he did not appear on the agenda, Vice President Pinkston spoke to the Senate. He apologized for not consulting faculty regarding changes to voluntary retirement accounts. As Professor Adrian was not present, Vice President Pinkston offered to discuss the matter with the Fringe Benefits Committee and Professor Robinson stated that she would look into having the committee meeting shortly.
4. Old Business
   • Approval of the September 9, 2010 Minutes-Professor Ahmed moved that the minutes be approved. Professor Dunn seconded. The motion carried.
   • Committee Membership List-The list contained several omissions and errors. Chair Johari indicated that the list will be corrected.
   • Faculty Senate… Representatives Reports
   • Faculty Senate Standing Committees … Chairs Reports
   • Faculty Senate Reports Responses to Two Motions:
     (1) Adding a Chair-Elect to the General Education to ensure continuity of leadership. The Faculty Committee voted to bring this before the Senate. Chair-Elect Heflin asked for input on who should decide this Chair-Elect, faculty or the members of the General Education Committee themselves. A discussion ensued. Professor Janda moved that a Chair-Elect position be established and that the Committee itself chooses the Chair-Elect. Professor Robinson seconded. The motion carried.
     (2) Adding an Immediate Past Chair of the Faculty Senate to ensure continuity and institutional memory. The Faculty Committee voted not to pursue this motion.

5. New Business
   No new business was discussed.

   The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.