I. CALL TO ORDER
The Cameron University Long-Range Planning Committee met on Wednesday, February 20, 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: Syed Ahmed, Sylvia Burgess, Carla Guthridge, Tony Wohlers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Committee members reviewed the minutes of the January 23, 2008, meeting. Jim Lambert moved that the minutes of the January 23, 2008, meeting be approved as printed. Sherry Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS
Chair Mary Penick distributed copies of the email she sent to President Ross identifying the Long-Range Planning Committee’s recommendations for future activities: 1) perform a study to determine the best way to support the BRAC effort in this community; 2) provide psychological counseling for students; and 3) revive Elder Hostel on campus. Chair Penick noted that President Ross reviewed the recommendations and referred them to Vice President John McArthur, who reviewed the status of related activities already in progress by other groups and responded to her email. Copies of his response were also distributed to the committee for review.

Chair Penick summarized Vice President McArthur’s response as follows.

- **BRAC.** The Vice President welcomes a study by the Long-Range Planning Committee regarding curriculum delivery formats and programs. However, Assistant Vice President Zittle is already working on campus and community support activities for BRAC. Vice President McArthur asks that the committee coordinate its study with Dr. Zittle to reduce duplication of effort. Chair Penick will ask Sylvia Burgess to work on the BRAC study.

- **Psychological counseling for students.** This is already under review by another campus group. Therefore, the Long-Range Planning Committee requires no further involvement.

- **Elder Hostel.** Vice President McArthur stated that the university administration is in full support of reviving this program. He suggested the committee work with Dr. Lambert and Dr. Zittle to identify the steps necessary for Cameron to participate. Chair Penick asked Jim Lambert to work with Dr. Zittle on Elder Hostel.

A discussion of Elder Hostel ensued. Jim Lambert asked Ted Snider for his impression of Elder Hostel. Ted responded that it could be worked into Cameron Village, but that Cameron Village must commit a certain number of suites. Jim asked Ted to serve with him on Elder Hostel and Ted agreed to do so. It was noted that Elder Hostel was important as a lifelong learning activity. Chair Penick inquired how Elder Hostel workshops would be advertised. Jim replied that Elder Hostel is a national organization and we are on the circuit. He also stated that Dr. Andress of the Center for Creative Living was involved previously and that the Center needs to be involved again. The emphasis should be on short, meaty workshops for retired folks that are a mixture of learning and fun. Jim noted that it is too late to do anything this year as Elder Hostel needs to be planned and scheduled in advance. Ted inquired if Cameron should involve the casinos. Jim was emphatically against this, stating that education should not be funded with gambling.
V. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Penick asked if there was any new business. Jim Lambert noted that since we have already reviewed our other goals, the committee’s work seems to be complete for this year.

Ted Snider suggested the committee look into goals that are more long range, such as acquiring the blocks east of Cameron as additional campus space. This could tie into the urban renewal currently underway in downtown Lawton. Chair Penick agreed that this would be worth looking into.

Ted went on to say that there is a need for sorority and fraternity houses on campus. Without active national sororities and fraternities on campus, Cameron will not develop an active campus life. This is something Cameron is currently lacking. Belonging to a sorority/fraternity is also beneficial to students as they can access money from these national organizations. It was mentioned that in the past, fraternities had a dedicated floor in the Shepler dorms. However, the property was damaged, and this ended fraternity housing on campus. Chair Penick noted that the new Student Activities Center will have sorority/fraternity meeting rooms, but Sherry Reynolds suggested houses would be better in the long run. Jim inquired as to who owns sorority/fraternity houses at other universities. Ted stated that they are private property. The land belongs to the university, and the house belongs to the organization. Jim brought up the possibility of Cameron purchasing the land directly east of campus and developing it with a row of sorority/fraternity houses, shops, and restaurants, much like Campus Corner in Norman. Ted emphasized that this should be looked into now since urban renewal was already in full swing downtown.

Jim also suggested that the committee could take a look at Plan 2013 to determine if there was anything of importance that was not being addressed by Cameron and that the committee should look beyond 2013.

Chair Penick agreed that these topics were worthy of further exploration and should be put on the agenda for next year.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Penick adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee will be on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Student Union.

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary, Long-Range Planning Committee