

Cameron University  
Faculty Senate  
January 10, 2014  
Minutes

Members Present: Eric Abbott, Saeed Ahmad, Syed Ahmed, Thom Balmer, Travis Childs, Justin Clardie, Irene Corriette, Mike Dunn (chair), Becky Easley, Tahzeeba Frisby, Bayard Godsave, Sarah Janda (chair-elect), Abbas Johari, Alan Moore, Teresa Morales, Yoonsin Oh, Pam Panzani, Kathy Scherler, Ali Soylu, Kevin Stieb (SGA President), Benson Warren, Gabriele Wethern, Heather King, Chao Zhao, and Yanjun Zhao

Guests Present: Chris Keller (Chair of the Department of Communications and the campus election manager), Marge Kingsley (Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs), and Ronna Vanderslice (Vice President for Academic Affairs)

Guest Presentations:

Chris Keller provided Faculty Senate with an overview of the election process, noting that the elections will take place earlier than in previous years in hopes of increasing participation. Dr. Keller asked Faculty Senators to share election information with their departments to make sure faculty understand the process. He also indicated that he will train Edris Montalvo to replace him as the coordinator of the faculty elections effective in 2015.

Marge Kingsley did a presentation on K-16 Common CORE alignment. She discussed the increased role of higher education in working with secondary education to improve college readiness for incoming freshmen. She noted that we are still in the very early stages of Common CORE implementation and that changes continue to arise.

Faculty Senate Minutes from December 2013 unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Lectures and Concerts Committee reported that they met and approved funding for the fall schedule of events.

Faculty Committee made recommendations regarding the Distinguished Professor title as well as the names and functions for two new university standing committees. The recommendations

and reasons for those recommendations were provided in writing to the Senate. Faculty Committee recommended (in the form of a motion) as follows:

Large research institutions are the primary institutions that have faculty with the title of Distinguished Professor and in those instances the title is an actual promotion in rank and comes with a salary adjustment. For these reasons, Faculty Committee recommends that the honorary title of Distinguished Professor be eliminated. *Motion passed unanimously.*

In the form of a motion, Faculty Committee recommends that the two new standing committees be called the “Athletics Committee for Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion” and the “University Committee on Diversity.” Faculty Committee further recommends that the language describing the function of the University Committee on Diversity be modified as follows:

- Assists with the development and review of the university equity plans
- Review and make recommendations on Federal Compliance Policies
  - Seek feedback from students, student-athletes, faculty and staff
  - Monitor progress on goals
  - Recommend adjustments to the plans as needed
  - Communicate to the campus and community

*Motion passed unanimously.*

#### Old Business

Mike Dunn indicated that he and Kevin Stieb will meet with Vice President Vanderslice soon to discuss faculty and student concerns regarding the IDEA forms and the evaluation process.

#### New Business

The next Faculty Senate Meeting is on February 21 at 3:00.