I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cameron University Faculty Senate met on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Chair Jim Lambert called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Howell Hall, Room 106.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Lambert, John Bachelor, Linda Wright-Smith, Jason Duan, Sylvia Miller, Sue Fuson, Joe Jones, Antonio Laverghetta, James Heflin, Mike Davis, Douglas Catterall, Suzanne Crawford, John Moots, Phil Schroeder, Gabriella Adam-Rodwell, Chao Zhao, Abbas Johari, Ted Snider, Mary Penick, Jeanne Gaunce, Harrison Watts

Absent: Phil Adrian, Edna McMillan, John Hodgson, David Fennema, Sharon Christensen, Major Armstrong, Jr., Sherry Reynolds, Todd Raborn

Guest: V.P. Buckley

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heflin moved to approve the Faculty Senate minutes from March 1, 2006 and Moots seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. REMARKS FROM OFFICERS

Chair Lambert thanked the Senate for permitting him to serve this year and presented us with a new set of three R’s.

1. Be Realistic—don’t be an ivory tower thinker
2. Take a Risk in your thinking about your work/teaching
3. Do what is Right—to others, especially our students—to whom we leave our teaching legacy

Dr. Buckley has added another R. Fourth R is Relax over the summer.

Chair Lambert thanked the officers and the Senators for the hard work the Senate has done this year and noted that May 3rd is the date of this year’s Faculty Senate retirement luncheon and approval of election results.
V. OLD BUSINESS

Heflin and Johari moved to discuss the Faculty Committee Approved Revisions of 4.5.1 “Periods of Appointment and Tenure.”

Bachelor proposed an amendment to the 4.5.1 Periods of Appointment and Tenure to include “tenure-track faculty member may be granted an extension of the probationary period because of special circumstances including but not limited to professional opportunities, family or personal crises, pregnancy, or post natal care of a newborn.” Heflin seconded the proposal and debate followed considering the need and potential problems of making a specific list.

After a great amount of discussion, the amendment to accept the amended language as presented by Bachelor was voted down.

The 4.5.1 Periods of Appointment and Tenure as originally revised was discussed and Catterall made a friendly amendment that each grant should be limited to one continuous year.

Catterall proposed to accept the revision presented by the Faculty Committee and Heflin seconded the proposal. This revision included “tenure-track faculty member may be granted an extension of the probationary period because of special circumstances such as family or personal crises.” The revision from the Faculty Committee was approved by the Senate. This revision will be on the ballot and must pass by two-thirds of the vote to make said change in the Faculty Handbook.

Catterall also made a friendly amendment that each extension granted must specifically be limited to one continuous year. Heflin seconded the motion and the Senate unanimously approved the amendment.

This revision will be put on the ballot for full faculty vote. It must pass by two-thirds of the votes to be added to the Faculty Handbook.

Bachelor proposed a motion to table discussion on the Faculty Handbook chapters one through three and make it a first item of our fall agenda. Heflin seconded the proposal. Dr. Buckley pointed out that instead of creating a revision every time something comes up it might be better to take our time and carefully check it for significant changes.

Consideration was brought to the floor by Bachelor and Heflin seconded the proposal. Bachelor made a motion to withdraw his motion to table the discussion on chapters one through three until fall and Heflin seconded the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Lambert noted that the Lectures and Concerts Committee met and approved over 20 thousand dollars worth of events.

Davis reported that the Academic Standards and Policies Committee had met and the trial run of evaluation has begun.

Wright-Smith reported that the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee was part of the selection committees for the new male and female basketball coaches and both positions have been filled.

Snider pointed out that Senators needed to encourage colleagues apply for different committees so departmental influence is spread out.

Heflin motioned to adjourn the meeting and Penick seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wright-Smith
Faculty Senate Secretary

**Everyone should come at 12 p.m. (noon) to Shepler to honor our retirees May 3rd at the Faculty Senate retirement luncheon. We do need a quorum for that meeting to approve the election.**