CAMERON UNIVERSITY

FACULTY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES

January 22, 2003

Meeting was convened at 3:30 PM in Howell Hall Room 106.

1. ROLL CALL, AGENDA, AND CALL TO ORDER

Present: Kingsley, Morris, Janda, Reynolds, Smith, Jones, Dzindolet, Warren, Davis, Hofmann, Bausch, Branson, Snider, Smyth, Wright-Smith, Blackman

Absent: Bhattacharya, Zoubi, Heflin, Reeves, Hodgson, Logan, Netherland, Zhao, Raborn

Motion to approve the roll/agenda as called: Snider; Second: Morris. The motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS

Motion to approve the Faculty Council Minutes of November 20, 2002 with corrections: Wright-Smith; Second: Morris. The motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

The amendment to the Faculty Handbook dealing with class attendance has been approved in principle by the administration and referred to the Provost and all the Deans for further review.

The proposal to have a December graduation ceremony for students is also okay with the administration in principle, and has been referred to the Provost and each of the Deans for more guidance. If approved, December graduation ceremonies will be small and some rotation of the faculty members in attendance will be required.

The proposal to eliminate class rank and use grade point averages to determine student membership in honors societies has been approved by the administration in principle and is under review by the Provost and the Deans.

The motion that department chairs receive training to ensure they are in compliance with university and state policies is under review by the Provost.

The administration is conducting a long term evaluation of the way Cameron evaluates personnel.

A gradual re-write of the Faculty Handbook is under way, and initial changes must be made by May 1st. After that, changes will occur on a continual basis, with new copies of the handbook distributed to faculty on CD Rom every August.

The proposal from the last meeting that university policy regarding incomplete (I) grades be revamped to reduce the amount of time students have to complete course work endured much discussion. Council members finally elected to table the discussion and call for a vote on the issue in February. In the interim, the issue will be studied by the Registrar's office and the Academic Standards and Policies Committee. A standard form for arranging "I" grades between faculty and students may be adopted.

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The practices of the Curriculum Committee received much discussion, and the council decided that no further action in that area is needed. Members would like, however, to receive clarification from the Curriculum Committee regarding what sort of data is required to support new course proposals.

4. NEW BUSINESS

An internal review of Cameron policies and procedures, contracts and purchasing, and the Cameron Foundation by auditors from the University of Oklahoma revealed numerous areas where the university is not in compliance with state guidelines. The administration is moving to correct these problems forthwith.

Dean Samantha Whartley talked about plagiarism and academic dishonesty on campus, and said it is up statewide. Much discussion followed.

Motion to invite Provost McKellips to address plagiarism and academic dishonesty at a future meeting of Faculty Council: Janda; Second: Jones. The motion carried.

Council members discussed the issue of granting Emeritus status to retired university administrators. Much discussion followed.

Motion to make the granting of Emeritus status to retired administrators contingent on the same polices followed for the granting of Emeritus status to former faculty members: Wright-Smith; Second: Janda. The motion carried.

President Ross has formed a President's Planning Committee charged with developing a strategic plan for the university. Input from everyone on campus will be vital to making the committee's work a success, and anyone with questions or ideas for committee work should contact Lance Janda, the committee chair.


Ted Snider said the Academic Appeals Committee met in January. Lance Janda said the Long Range Planning Committee met in January as well. See committee minutes for more details.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Snider; Second: Janda. The motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

Submitted by,
Lance Janda,
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