Faculty Senate Minutes
February 8th, 2013

1. Call to Order: Jim Heflin called the meeting to order 3:02pm.

2. Roll Call:
   a. Present: Ali Soylu, Yoonsin Oh, Edna McMillan, Gary Kowaluk, Sarah Janda, Yingqiuin Liu, Jeffery Metzger, Yanjun Zhao, Justin Walton, Irene Corriette, Tahzeeba Frisby, Rebecca Easley, Jerry Dodd, Mike Estep, Keith Vitense, Linda Wright-Smith, Mary Penick. and Chas Hallbrook.

3. Approve January 11th, 2013 Minutes:
   a. Jim Heflin called for the approval of the minutes for January 11th, 2013. One correction was suggested and noted. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Elections: Dr. Keller
   a. Dr. Keller distributed handouts on standing committees and covered the history of campus elections. He explained that in three week faculty will receive an initial email concerning nominations. He further explained the process of the elections and discussed available positions. In addition, he also explained the online process.

5. Honors Program: Dr. Anton Wholers
   a. Dr. Wholers comes presenting information on the Office of Academic Enrichment. He explained the Academic Enrichment website, Honors Program Curriculum, the Honors Program Graduate Recognition and Honors Organization. He comes not only to give us information but also for us to encourage students to participate. Finally, he ask for feedback from the faculty.

   a. The committee met last month and will meet again in the next week. The committee entertained ideas to improve retention and recruitment. The committee wants the Faculty Senate to consider creating a Communication Committee and a Creative Teaching Committee. The idea for these committees is to increase communication among the faculty about what works and does not work in the classroom. Dr. Heflin proposed that the Long Range Planning Committee bring a definitive description of their proposal.

7. Dr. Heflin’s Proposal
a. Dr. Heflin proposed to look at how we can honor President Ross as she retires as president. How can we show our appreciation to Dr. Ross for her service to Cameron University? Several volunteered:
   i. Ric Jerez
   ii. Edna McMillan
   iii. Yinguin Liu
b. Dr. Heflin seeks the endorsement of Faculty Senate eight individuals which he was tasked to select to serve on the University’s selection committee to select the next president of Cameron University. After some discussion a motion was made to endorse Dr. Heflin’s selection, it was seconded and passed.

8. Committee Reports:
   a. Academic Standards and Policies Committee – report will be sent to the secretary.
   b. Faculty Committee – met and will have motion in near future.
   c. Fringe Benefits and Retirement Committee – No report.
   d. Long Range Planning Committee – See # 6 above.
   e. Rules Committee – will meet in a couple of weeks.

9. New Business – None

10. Old Business
   a. Discussion ensued concerning the Cameron University handbook and how it can be superseded by the University of Oklahoma. In addition a discussion arose concerning enrollment/advising student online. The discussion culminated with a statement that such a program already exists.

11. Adjourn Meeting
   a. At 4:11pm Dr. Heflin adjourned the February 8th meeting of the Faculty Senate.