Committee Members: Mike Dunn, Chair, Abbas Johari, Andrew Baker, Ali Soylu, Lynda Robinson.

Call to Order: 2:05pm

Minutes from 17 February 2012 were approved as amended to James Heflin to the roll. Motion by Abbas Johari, second by Ali Soylu.

Old Business:

Andy Baker gave a summary of his private meeting with Josh Lehman regarding the Cameron University ‘Brand’. It is clear that the Cameron University Logo will not be changed anytime soon but the Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate should be consulted on any issues that impact Faculty and Student recruitment and retention as well as the image of Cameron University through the following motion:

The Long Range Planning Committee recommends that before the Administration hires a professional consultant, the Faculty Senate should be notified so that the expertise of the faculty can be utilized to assure the highest possible quality outcome. After notification by the Administration, the Senate will poll the membership to find the best qualified faculty member willing to consult, assist, or act on the required task. Motion by Abbas Johari, second by Lynda Robinson.

New Business:

Lynda Robinson and Mike Dunn introduced the idea that having an Interdisciplinary graduate program at Cameron University should be a five year goal.

Discussion items included: Should the program be university wide, or should each school have their own program?

How would the curriculum be determined?

Who would administer the program?

How could we avoid some of the problems with the
Interdisciplinary Bachelors Degree?

It was decided to invite the head of the Interdisciplinary Program to advise us at the next meeting. Lynda Robinson will determine who that is, and Mike Dunn will then issue the invitation.

Due to a conflict with the Faculty Research Banquet on 20 April, the next meeting will be moved up to 12:00 20 April.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.