Faculty Senate Long-Range Planning Committee  
Minutes, Meeting of March 31, 2005

Present: Lambert, Underwood, Krishnan, Catterall, Lanasa, Smith, Bursten.

Absent: Buckley, Dawe, Klein, Groves.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30.

Doug Catterall presented the draft mission statement prepared by the ad hoc committee charged with revision of the mission statement.

In discussion the following points were raised:

- In the opening sentence stating that Cameron is a regional public university, Lambert suggested that Cameron also be placed in the context of the OU board of Regents. Lambert has submitted a suggested phrasing to Catterall.
- Lanasa suggested that the word “limited” be deleted from the third sentence in relation to the number of certificate programs, and asked if Cameron’s cooperative programs might need to be included in the mission statement.
- Krishnan thought that a better word than “constituents” might be found. He also suggested that the statement needed to be shorter or less wordy for the sake of clarity. In discussion, the word “constituencies” was suggested as an alternative.
- There was discussion of including preparation for professional life in the last sentence of the mission. Bursten suggested modifying the last phrase (“and meaningful contribution to a rapidly changing world”) to include something about professional life. Underwood suggested adding a fourth phrase, “productive professional life” after “life-long learning” in the last sentence. The point is that in general, Cameron faculty are concerned with preparing students for viable careers, though the context of the other concerns already addressed in the sentence is also essential.
- In general, the members of the committee praised the draft mission statement and thought it an excellent updating of the mission statement, successful in making the mission consistent with other planning documents.

Lambert moved and Bursten seconded that the committee make the following resolution:

The committee Faculty Senate Long-Range Planning Committee wishes officially to thank Doug Catterall and Margery Kingsley for their work and the work of the ad hoc committee in revising the mission statement, for their presentation to our committee, and for involving the long-range planning committee in the revision process. The committee greatly appreciates the opportunities being offered to the faculty to have input on the new mission statement.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.  
The meeting adjourned at 4:30.