Minutes for the
Long-Range Planning Committee
Nov. 2, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER
The Long-Range Planning Committee met on Wednesday, November 2, 2005. Chair Wright-Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in CETES, Room 105.

II. ROLL CALL
Present: Lloyd Dawe, David H. Fennema, Sue Fuson, David Groves, Sivarama Krishnan, Assistant Vice-President Lance Janda, James Lambert, Philip Lanasa, John Moots, Linda Wright-Smith
Absent: John Bachelor

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
After suggested amendments, Dr. Krishnan moved the Oct. 12 minutes be approved and Dr. Lanasa seconded.

IV. Dr. Wright-Smith read a memo from Vice-President Buckley regarding Plan 2008 and the Graduate faculty which led to a discussion of temporary graduate faculty status which is possible with administrative appointment for one semester. It was pointed out that the temporary status has been used for eleven semesters in one case. Also it was pointed out that the title of Associate Graduate Faculty was not approved. Only the permanent Graduate faculty are reviewed every five years leading to questions about how the temporary faculty are reviewed. The discussion led to the question: Should Cameron University be heavily invested in a Graduate Program/School? Since many of the graduate programs lead to certification or licensure of some kind, it was questioned whether we should have instead a Professional Studies Program. The following points were areas of concern: 1) Need clarification on handbook revisions; 2) As registration is already in progress what is happening to Graduate Program faculty coordination: Who is responsible? What is happening?; 3) Concern about the abuse of the Temporary Graduate Faculty status; 4) The viability of the Graduate Program. It was discussed that each school seemingly would need an administrator to handle applications for Graduate programs. Would the Graduate Council act as keeper of standards for all the schools with oversight by Vice-President Buckley=s office? The Long-Range Committee wonders why the change was so quick and in mid-year rather than at the end of the fiscal or academic year? What is the rationale for this decision?

V. The Committee needs information from the summary of the 2008 Plan from Vice-President Buckley=s office. It was pointed out that pages 15 - 16 of the 2008 Plan are obsolete as most of the people listed are no longer at Cameron University.
VI. NCA accreditation is coming up and the Committee questions who will lead the gathering of information and when will it begin. It is due 2010 with a strategic plan in place by 2007 and the self-study in 2008-2010 for the NCA review in 2010.

VII. The next meeting will be held on November 30th at 3:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 with a motion made by Dr. Fuson.

Respectfully submitted

David H. Fennema, Secretary