MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashley Miller, Shante Hicks, Donovan Demartra, Jessica Daoang, Ramona Hall, Aubree Helvey, Jim Heflin, Jennifer Holland, Tobias Kuhn, Daniel Brown, Zeak Naifeh, Debbie Mefford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Kirk, Donald Hall

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Minutes from the previous meeting and an agenda were distributed.

III. Dean Jennifer Holland called for discussion for remaining departmental request.

a. CUTV – There was some discussion on what CUTV would be doing with the remaining balance of funds in their account. CUTV had sent information stating that the remaining funds would be used for the professional filming and production of the master DVD of the CU Hooding Ceremony. The committee was in question, as to why CUTV was responsible for the funding of this expense, and if SAFAC money should be used for this and the cost of equipment that they needed to purchase. The committee felt that CUTV plays a very important part of Cameron University. The committee also expressed they wished CUTV would take some of the funds to fix housings visibility of CUTV programs. The committee recommended the same level of funding, $10,000.

b. Cameron Honors Program – Discussion by the committee included; even though a rollover in their budget existed, the committee felt, as a whole, the Honors Program is a vital part of Cameron University. Dr. Heflin wondered how the program could function on such a low budget. The program has been experiencing a change of leadership, and the committee hopes that the new leadership will develop the program further and require more funding. The committee recommended to fund the full amount requested, $3650.

c. Music – There was discussion as to why there was such a large amount of funding requested for scholarships. Also, the substantial carry over budget. As a whole, the committee expressed they felt scholarship funding should be fazed out of SAFAC funds. The committee recommended the same funding level as the previous year, instead of the increase requested. Funding level recommended $21,900.
d. Physical Science – The committee discussed the continual rollover balance by the department. They wondered if they should deduct the rollover balance from the requested amount, but decided to recommend the full amount requested, but suggest the department should not repeatedly request for more funding than they plan to spend. The committee recommended funding level of $3165.

IV. Dean Jennifer Holland recommended a quick review of all recommended funding before continuing to the last portion of the allocation. Athletics and it various accounts still remained to be funded. After the review the committee proceeded with the discussion of the remaining departmental request.

e. Pep Band – Discussion included the committees’ desire for the band to attend more university functions, and why the Pep Band was not part of the Music Department. After a brief discussion the committee recommended the funding to remain at the same level of $7000.

f. Intramurals – The committee had previously discussed Intramurals, and how they were an important part of university life. They felt the requested amount was low, and recommended the full amount requested, $2500.

g. Cheerleading – The committee recommended the funding remain the same at $7000.

h. Athletic Director – The committee discussed in length, how and why, the requested amount for this account had almost doubled. Dr. Heflin stated that if this was the only funding used by the Director to do the entire task outlined, that even the requested amount was low. He felt it was an insult for an athlete to receive only a certificate at the end of the year, for all of the long hard hours an athlete contributes to the university. Daniel Brown felt very strongly that SAFAC funds should not be used to hire new graduate assistants or for travel for athletes. The committee as a whole felt that Athletics received a very large portion of Cameron’s SAFAC funds, almost 77%, and that they would like to see a report on how other institutions funded their athletic programs. The committee also felt very strongly that the Athletic Department needed to find alternative ways to raise money and to raise interest in sporting events. The committee recommended keeping the funding basically the same amount as the previous year round up to the nearest thousand, $11,000.

V. Dean Holland and the committee discussed the remaining accounts, they decide to recommend funding at the same level as the previous year, for both remaining athletic accounts, rounding up to the nearest thousand. They did not feel they had the funding to recommend the 10% increase requested.

i. Athletic Scholarships - $542,000.

j. Athletic Operating-Teams - $144,000.
VI. At this time Dean Holland called for a brief review of all recommended funding.

VII. Ashley Miller, the committee chair, called for a vote by a show of hands. The recommendations were unanimously accepted, at 4:15 p.m.

VIII. Dean Holland informed the SAFAC committee they would have an upcoming meeting regarding two new Student Organizations. She distributed copies of their registration forms and gave the date, time, and location, of the upcoming meeting, April 8, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., Centennial Room.

IX. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.