

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
Research Park, Oklahoma City

## FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

**Call to Order.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Roger Frech, Paul Buckelew, Nancy Osborn, David Hartmann, Mary Penick, Paula Reif, Lamont Lindstrom, Robin Jones, Birne Binegar, Beverly Devries, Robert Miller and Rex Ackerson. Paul Buckelew presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

**Minutes from last meeting.** The minutes of the February 2, 2009 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

**Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System (OTRS).** James Wilbanks, Executive Secretary, described the features and options of OTRS including how benefits are calculated. Discussion included how OTRS is funded and what services are available. He suggested contacting the office to arrange for presentations on campus.

**Discussion of 2009 workplan topics.** The following topics were discussed:

1. Concealed weapons on campus—The bills are no longer being considered, but the FAC is prepared to offer a resolution in opposition if needed;
2. Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System (OTRS)—Based on the discussion with the Executive Secretary, this topic has been addressed;
3. Veteran student needs—An expert from Veteran Affairs will be invited to the May meeting;
4. Teacher certification—The Deans of education will be asked to offer a recommendation to reform alternative certification that the FAC can support including a minimum requirement similar to the USAO proposal to add a minor in education;
5. Adult student needs—Information from the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning's (CAEL), Southern Nazarene University's adult cohort groups and ReachHigher at the regional universities will be presented at a future meeting;
6. Student retention—The State Regents' staff will present information about the Education Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) and counselor/teacher professional development activities including GEAR UP at the April meeting;
7. Curriculum alignment—The faculty serving on the Governor's Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) initiative will be invited to describe its current status and future plans;
8. Academic support services—no further discussion;
9. Textbook costs—no further discussion.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting is Monday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m.

**Other.** Recommendations from "Scholarship in Public: Knowledge Creation and Tenure Policy in the Engaged University" was distributed. The full report will be distributed electronically and a presentation on service learning and community engagement will be arranged for a future meeting.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.