



Annual Report

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

to the

Oklahoma State Regents
for Higher Education

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Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council is to communicate to the Chancellor and the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university faculty on those issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. In representing faculty, the Faculty Advisory Council shall attempt to accurately represent the positions of faculty and develop the best proposals and recommendations to the State Regents.

Creation. Seven representatives were nominated on June 26, 1990, by a statewide assembly of faculty convened by the Chancellor. The group held its first meeting on October 6, 1990, and bylaws drafted by the first Faculty Advisory Committee were approved by the State Regents on December 17, 1990. In June of 2002, the State Regents approved the Faculty Advisory Committee's name change to the Faculty Advisory Council. FAC members serve two year terms. Two members represent the comprehensive tier; two represent the regional tier; two represent the two-year colleges; one represents the independent institutions. The 2002 membership was:



MEMBERS

Comprehensive Universities

Marcia Tilley, Oklahoma State University
Al Schwarzkopf, University of Oklahoma

Regional Universities

Gayle Kearns, University of Central Oklahoma
Jim Lambert, Cameron University

Two-Year Colleges

Claudia Buckmaster, Rose State College
Chris Butler, Eastern Oklahoma State University

Independent Colleges

Robyn Miller, Oklahoma Christian University



CHAIRMEN

January - April 2002

May - August 2002

September - December 2002

Marcia Tilley

Gayle Kearns

Chris Butler

2002 FAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO STATE REGENTS

- Annual Faculty Opinion survey results (February 2002)
- Joint resolutions with the Student Advisory Board on 1) institutional use of social security numbers, 2) sustaining quality faculty, 3) credit cards, 4) on-line services, 5) university health coverage, 6) responsible Internet usage, 7) budget reductions, 8) student preparation for college, 9) campus volunteer organizations, 10) tuition and graduation contracts. (February 2002)
- Resolution (FSR-1) to the State Regents on having input into the Chancellor's search process. (June 2002)
- Recommended amendments to the Faculty Advisory Committee Bylaws. (June 2002, November 2002)
- Resolution supporting MERLOT. (September 2002)



FAC ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY FAC MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings to discuss matters affecting the entire State System

Updated FAC web site at <http://www.okhighered.org/fac/members01.html>

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

- Hosted annual Faculty Assembly, November 2002
- Faculty Opinion Survey - Annual survey of Oklahoma faculty was conducted on-line.

STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS Attendance by representatives at regular meetings of the State Regents throughout the year with annual report delivered personally to the State Regents.

ACTIVITIES

- Participated in Higher Education Day at the state capitol.
- Met and provided input on the Chancellor's Search to Search Committee Chairman Joe Mayer and consultant Ron Stead.
- Met with officials of State Employee Group Insurance program to discuss health insurance issues concerning faculty.
- Participation in the Regents Education Program April 1 shared governance session
- Participation in the April Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and On-line Teacher (MERLOT) conference, a national effort promoting effective use of technology and digital learning materials.
- Updated current FAC Bylaws
- Approved policy on Faculty Personnel "Key Attributes" policy.
- Letter signed by current and former FAC members commemorating Chancellor Hans Brisch and his accomplishments upon the occasion of his retirement.
- Presentation from current and former FAC members to the "Hans Brisch Faculty Research Fellow." The presentation was in honor of retiring Chancellor Hans Brisch and provides some funding to activate a 1993 Regents' policy establishing the faculty research fellow program.
- FAC member service on the Student Preparation Task Force

FAC ACTIVITIES *(Continued)*

INTERACTION WITH OTHER GROUPS

- Joint meeting with Student Advisory Board
- FAC member service on articulation committees
- Council on Audit and Experiential Learning (CAEL) recommendations.
- Council on Instruction review of campus personnel policy



FAC REVIEW, INPUT AND STUDIES

- Legislative issues
- Chancellor's search
- Faculty employment bill introduced by the House of Representatives
- Minimum productivity standards for educational programs
- Revision in the baccalaureate degree policy
- Elimination of the applied math substitution for college admission
- High School Indicators reports reflecting the degree to which Oklahoma high school graduates are academically prepared for college
- Annual remediation study
- Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and On-line Teaching (MERLOT)
- Internet2 - how faculty can apply this resource to teaching/research
- OETA conversion to digital television and impact on higher education
- Policy changes relating to distance learning, on-line learning, and intellectual property issues
- Student transfer and course equivalency project
- Oklahoma Campus Compact and service learning
- Budget Cuts
- Financial Aid developments
- Oklahoma higher education report card
- Performance funding initiative
- National Governors Association learning lab in Oklahoma on student preparation for college
- Policy relating to adult learners
- Winter FAIR at Oklahoma City Community College
- OneNet services to campuses
- Student Preparation Task Force
- Student Assessment Project



2002 FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL WORKPLAN

- Technology
- Benefits/Retirement
- Governance (including tenure and post tenure issues)
- Student Preparation (including issues addressed in national report card)
- Faculty Salaries (including competitive faculty recruitment and retention)
- Faculty Load