

**Meeting of the
FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 6, 2001**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Faculty Advisory Committee held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2001, in the Library Conference Room of the State Regents' office, Oklahoma City. Those present were: Dennis Boe, Hugh Benson, Marcia Tilley, Chris Butler, Gayle Kearns, Amanda Blackman and Robyn Miller. Also present were new members Claudia Buckmaster and Jim Lambert. Chairman Blackman called the meeting to order and presided.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.** Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS.** Jim Lambert from Cameron and Claudia Buckmaster from Rose State College were introduced.
4. **PRESENTATIONS.**
 - a. Dr. Phil Moss distributed information on the Merlot project. He said that the State Regents had been a founding member since its inception and that it is an excellent model for faculty development. Oklahoma has been leader in the project and many faculty members from across the state serve in vital roles in Merlot.

Dr. Moss said that Internet2 is a high-speed network involving 180 research universities from across the country. The three research universities in the state, via a OneNet connector, have accessed Internet2 for several years. In May the Internet2 network will be available to all institutions of higher education as well as career techs, K-12 and libraries through OneNet in a new technical category, Sponsored Education Group Participant (SEGP). Internet2 also offers high quality video-conferencing allowing access to speakers from across the country. The question now is how to apply these new network applications and technologies to betterment of faculty and students throughout the state. The hope is to engage the faculty to share resources and how they can be applied to their teaching and learning experience. He said the OneNet Advisory Council is developing a working group that will strategize how to use the resources available.

Dr. Moss reviewed the status of OETA's conversion to digital television and how it can impact higher education. He said that the FCC mandated that all broadcasters convert from analog signal to a digital signal by 2003. OETA has obtained the financial backing, both private and public, to complete this conversion. As a benefit

of the conversion, OETA will expand their bandwidth allowing new avenues of broadcasting. The Executive Director of OETA has asked higher education to help public television utilize their broadband capabilities and has asked for assistance in developing these new resources. The potential in this is a higher education channel with data applications beyond the current realm. This broadcast flexibility is a direct benefit of the digital delivery capabilities.

Dr. Moss also distributed information on policy changes in distance learning, intellectual property policies for the learning environment, and innovations of on-line learning.

In response to concerns from the Faculty Assembly, Dr. Moss and Dr. Ross suggested a joint committee with representatives from COI and the FAC to review issues regarding quality, on-line learning and faculty development. The committee was asked to appoint representatives from each tier for participation on this joint committee. The chairman asked Jim Lambert, Marcia Tilley and Claudia Buckmaster to serve on the joint committee.

- b. Dr. Debra Blanke explained the course equivalency project and distributed a report. An e-mail containing the matrices with the changes from the committee was distributed to the institutions and should be returned by December 17, 2001. She said a new database has been created with a total 163 new courses have been added.
- c. Dr. Martha Nagle presented information regarding the Oklahoma Campus Compact. She said that current focus of the OkCC is to help institutions and faculty integrate service-learning into their curriculum. The Compact has several projects it would like to see funded and has written grant drafts to that end. However, the Compact currently does not have a 501 (c) 3 tax status and therefore cannot apply for funding from private foundations. Partnering with an institution's foundation and applying for the grants through them may solve this problem. Dr. Nagle explained that the proposed projects include an RFP for partnership with three institutions for funding service-learning centers based on campuses to provide the faculty with assistance in formulating curriculum. A draft of another grant is to fund mini grants that would provide release time to faculty to develop their service-learning program.

A member of the committee said that last spring service-learning movement seemed to have a lot of energy, but that the enthusiasm has currently waned. He asked if there would be more information available for faculty in the future. Dr. Nagle explained that due to some staffing shortages, progress in the service-learning area has slowed but that a Faculty Communicator, (the monthly newsflash), will be e-mailed after the first of the year and will go to the Faculty Advisory Committee as well as the service-learning faculty.

5. **FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2001 AND PLANNING FOR 2002.**

The committee discussed the Work Plan in general and the chairman asked for volunteers for each subject. One of the main subjects of interest included governance. Some committee members felt that faculty had little involvement and input into governance.

- a. Technology - Buckmaster
- b. Benefits/Retirement – Lambert/Kearns
- c. Governance – Lambert/Butler
- d. Faculty Salaries – Tilley/Kearns
- e. Student Preparation for College – Butler/Miller
- f. Faculty Load - Buckmaster

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**