

**Meeting of the
FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 7, 2002**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Faculty Advisory Committee held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2002, in the Library Conference Room of the State Regents' office, Oklahoma City. Those present were: Marcia Tilley, Al Schwarzkopf, Chris Butler, Gayle Kearns, Claudia Buckmaster and Jim Lambert. Chairman Tilley called the meeting to order and presided.
2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.** Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. **VISIT WITH THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Brisch explained that an initial request from Tom Daxon, Director of the Office of State Finance, for a cut of 2.51 percent from the higher education budget. However, with the support of key members of the legislature the cuts for the higher education budget should remain at one percent. A request for supplemental appropriations from the legislature has been made as well.

The Chancellor explained that another option for increasing revenue would be raising tuition. Currently the State Systems cost structure is low compared to other states, therefore an increase in tuition is possible. Faculty input into any decisions about tuition would be welcome.

Chancellor Brisch said that the faculty and students in the state can make a difference through the legislature and encouraged them to contact their representatives or attend higher education day at the capitol.

4. **HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTRS.** The committee agreed to schedule a discussion of insurance issues at the April meeting. The committee members will e-mail Bryce Fair with specific issues/questions and he will contact the appropriate people needed to address the issues.
5. **POSSIBLE FAC PARTICIPATION/ACTION.**
 - a. Status of FAC/COI committee work relating to proposed legislation controlling campus personnel policy (reasons for faculty termination.) The committee is reviewing the extent to which a 1998 joint proposal advanced by FAC and the Council of Instruction requiring institutions to provide reasons for faculty termination (issues currently addressed by BH 2141 and SB 903) has advanced. In order to make an informed decision on the issues, the committee needs to know whether institutional policies already provide for written reasons for employment

decisions. Several members will contact institutional Academic Vice Presidents who have not responded.

- b. Status of FAC/COI committee work relating to technology issues. A meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. Gayle Kearns, Claudia Buckmaster and Al Schwarzkopf will attend the meeting.
- c. FAC position on recommendation from the Council on Audit and Experiential Learning (CAEL). The strongest response was to the recommendation of adding an adjunct faculty member to the FAC. FAC is currently constituted to represent all faculty including adjunct faculty. The FAC bylaws do not allow for a member from the adjunct faculty. The FAC is sensitive to the needs of the adult learners and will continue to represent all portions of the faculty. Other areas of the recommendations were reviewed by the committee however, the committee delayed a response to these recommendations until the next meeting.
- d. Joint meeting with Student Advisory Board is scheduled for February 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. Draft resolutions will be prepared prior to the meeting. Proposed topics will include the Social Security issues, faculty salaries, credit cards, on-line student services, tax free textbooks, student access to healthcare, responsible internet use, budget reductions, student prep for college.

6. **WORKPLAN.**

The committee discussed the Work Plan in general.

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

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**