

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2003, in the State Regents' Library/Conference Room. Members present were: Al Schwarzkopf, Chuck Edgley, Jim Lambert, Claudia Buckmaster, Judy Colwell, and Hal Cauthron. New Members present were Nancy Prigmore and Martha George. Chairman Claudia Buckmaster presided. The group convened after the Faculty Advisory Council presentations to the State Regents who were meeting in regular session.

2. MINUTES. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from the last meeting of the Faculty Advisory Council.

3. TRANSITION ISSUES.

a. Officers. Upon motion, second, and unanimous vote, the following officers were approved for the next two quarters:

1st Quarter (January-March):	Judy Colwell
2nd Quarter (April-June):	Hal Cauthron

b. 2003 Workplan Carryover. Current members of the Faculty Advisory Council reviewed the 2003 workplan project status and discussed follow-up that would be needed to further advance the items. It was noted that many of the same issues remain top concerns of faculty around the state and would likely be reflected on the 2004 workplan.

c. 2004 Workplan. Current and incoming FAC members discussed the faculty opinion document and the issues around the state noted by faculty on the annual survey and at the November Faculty Assembly meeting. They agreed to a 2004 workplan comprised of the following items:

- 1) Faculty Compensation (faculty salaries, Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System, benefits such as the current medical insurance benefit provided through HealthChoice)
- 2) Governance (faculty voice with administration, with Regents and Legislature)
- 3) Student Academic Issues (Preparation for college, retention and graduation of students, adjunct faculty)
- 4) Program Resources (EDGE, sharing of resources among institutions, service learning)

d. 2004 Meeting Dates. The group discussed 2004 meeting dates and agreed to continue holding the Faculty Advisory Council meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. However, several meetings in 2004 will be held on different dates as indicated by the following schedule:

Thursday, January 22, 2004, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 25, 2004, 2 p.m. -- Joint meeting with Student Advisory Board
Thursday, February 5, 2004, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 4, 2004, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 1, 2004, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 6, 2004, 5:30 p.m.
June -- possibly no meeting
July -- possibly no meeting
August -- possibly no meeting
Thursday, September 2, 2004, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 7, 2004, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 6, 2004, 8 a.m.
Saturday, November 6, 2004, 10 a.m. for Faculty Assembly
Thursday, December 9, 9 a.m. -- presentation to State Regents
Thursday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. -- FAC transition meeting

State Regents' staff will be asked to organize the following meetings:

1) Meeting with HealthChoice officials in late March or early April. Spring break is scheduled the week of March 15-19, and that time should be avoided. The group agreed to ask each faculty senate for an individual to serve on the focus group which would meet with HealthChoice officials in the spring. The group discussed the possibility of asking Chancellor Risser or Bryce Fair to facilitate the meeting. The group also discussed a resolution on medical insurance benefits which had been prepared by President David Boren and subsequently passed by the Council of Presidents. The resolution expresses concerns similar to those expressed earlier this year by the Faculty Advisory Council.

2) Meeting with OTRS Officials. The group agreed to invite OTRS officials to the February 5 meeting to continue discussions of retirement issues relating to Oklahoma faculty.

3) Fall Faculty Assembly. The group discussed several times for the next fall faculty assembly meeting and identified dates that would not conflict with major athletic events. Saturday, November 6, at 10 a.m. will be reserved on the calendar for the meeting.

4. STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD. The group agreed upon a Sunday, January 25, 2 p.m. time for the annual joint meeting with the Student Advisory Board. FAC indicated their interest in developing joint resolutions on the following items:

- OHLAP (importance)
- Adjunct Faculty
- EDGE
- Retention and Graduation Issues
- K-16 Vertical Teaming for Curriculum Alignment
- Nationally competitive educational quality (salaries, resources, faculty recruitment, etc.)

5. STATUS REPORTS ON SEARCHES. FAC members had been asked to represent the faculty viewpoint by serving on two key vice-chancellor search positions for the State Regents. Al Schwarzkopf reported on the status of the search for a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Martha George reported on the status of the search for a Vice Chancellor for Administration and Board Relations.

6. ADJOURNMENT. With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.