

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Faculty Advisory Council to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2003, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present for the meeting were: Al Schwarzkopf, Chuck Edgley, Jim Lambert, Judy Colwell, and Nancy Osborne. Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order and presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction.
3. **ACADEMIC ISSUES.** Dr. Phil Moss presented the consolidation of three policies. Each of the policies pertains to distance learning or electronic based delivery of classes. The Council on Instruction has worked for several years to consolidate the related policies. He noted one substantive change in the electronic media policy which features a two stage approval process. The initial conditional approval is based on the institutional report that describes certain criteria. Final approval is based on a best practice review of the program. Dr. Moss discussed the revisions to the "Policy Statement on Admission of Students for Whom English is a Second Language," which adds the IELTS examination as an alternative to the TOEFL for admission for students for whom English is a second language. He also discussed the revisions to the course equivalency matrix.

Dr. Moss also presented a project relating to academic efficiency for the Council to review. There was some discussion among FAC about the characterization of the project, and it was suggested that it could be better explained as "academic effectiveness" or "efficiency and collaboration" and perhaps organized using the current articulation workshops. FAC discussed the kinds of projects that would be of genuine help to faculty statewide. One idea was the offering for information technology faculty of short on-line training sessions relating to learning new programming language or other targeted help.
4. **STATE REGENTS' 2003-2004 WORKPLAN.** Copies of the Regents' workplan were distributed, and FAC agreed to review and discuss the matter at a later time.
5. **WORKPLAN FOR 2003.** Chairman Lambert asked that the group divide to discuss workplan issues and then to reassemble.
 - a. Faculty Compensation Issues and Faculty Benefits. The group agreed to combine the faculty compensation and faculty benefits items and FAC assignments. Nancy Osborne reported on visits with the State Employee Insurance Board and noted that officials would be scheduled to visit with FAC at an upcoming meeting. She noted fundraising discussions at her institutions. FAC members observed that fewer retirees are being replaced on campuses and that this is trending to heavier faculty workloads. Some

top professors are leaving the state. Chuck Edgely reported on the development of a retirement position to be focused on the objectives of portability and shorter vesting.

b. Governance/Faculty Voice at Capitol. FAC agreed that the draft letter prepared by Claudia Buckmaster should be sent from Al Schwarzkopf to presidents of Faculty Senates transmitting the model faculty notification policy approved by the FAC, the Council on Instruction, and the Council of Presidents.

c. Student Performance. Chairman Lambert read a statement for the academic integrity piece, and the group agreed that it might serve as a preamble. Information pulled from the Internet web sites of other universities on this issue was also discussed. Chairman Lambert indicated that he would work with the Student Advisory Board chairman on this issue and bring an updated version back to FAC for further discussion.

d. Technology. There was a motion and second that the FAC recommend to the Council on Instruction that the group pass the same technology resolution as the one passed jointly by FAC and SAB.

5. **Other.** The FAC agreed that a presentation on the Campus Compact and a possible FAC co-sponsored activity would be discussed at the June meeting. Nancy Osborn would work on scheduling the state insurance board officials for a spring or fall meeting.

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