

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, May 1, 2003, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present for the meeting were: Al Schwarzkopf, Hal Cauthron, Chuck Edgley, Jim Lambert, Judy Colwell, and Nancy Osborn. Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order and presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
3. **REGENTS' STAFF.** Chancellor Risser introduced Ben Hardcastle, who became Director of Communications for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in late April. Chancellor Risser also announced the search for a Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. FAC received a revised organizational outline of the State Regents' staff and departments. Chancellor Risser discussed his visits with the house committee on state appropriations to higher education. He indicated that the committee was looking at a seven percent reduction in funds. Chancellor Risser stated that he related to the committee members what the reduction would mean in terms of budget cuts and tuition increases, stressing the impact of each percent reduction on the higher education budget. He stated that the State Regents were committed to maintaining funds for scholarships and would find cuts for the necessary reductions in other areas of the budget.
4. **STATE REGENTS' 2003-2004 WORKPLAN.** Chancellor Risser discussed the 2003-2004 State Regents' workplan and the progress indicators. The current workplan states specific goals for the State Regents to accomplish. The progress indicators will be reviewed on a monthly basis in order to measure the advancement toward the workplan goals more accurately. FAC suggestions for administrative and academic efficiencies have been integrated into the workplan. Chairman Lambert asked if all the institutions have been receptive to the changes regarding the strategic planning on differentiation. Dr. Phil Moss indicated those institutions currently without strategic plans are exploring what would be involved in creating a strategic plan and that it appears to be well received.
5. **ISSUES.** Dr. Phil Moss presented several academic issues and asked for counsel. Items related to a proposed change in the admission policy allowing Advanced Placement Statistics to count for admission. The FAC concurred with the recommended change. Dr. Moss provided a progress report on efforts to develop a common admission form.
6. **EVENTS.** State Regents will hold a public hearing on tuition increases at 11 a.m. on May 30, 2003. Chairman Jim Lambert will be speaking at the hearing on behalf of the Faculty Advisory Council.

7. **OFFICER ELECTION.** FAC elected Judy Colwell to serve as chairman from July to September. Claudia Buckmaster was voted to serve as chairman from October to December.

8. **WORKPLAN FOR 2003.** FAC discussed the following workplan issues.
 - a. Faculty Compensation Issues and Faculty Benefits. The group discussed health insurance issues in particular and asked that senior Health Choice staff be invited to participate in the September FAC meeting. At the June meeting, faculty will spend some time identifying health insurance issues of importance to faculty. One item of concern is the need to have a faculty representative on the Health Choice board. Another item discussed was the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System. The group agreed to spend a portion of the September FAC meeting identifying the issues and agreed to invite the OTRS chief executive to the October meeting. Chuck Edgley discussed information needed for the FAC retirement study and asked about the possibility of surveying institutions regarding their retirement policies.

 - b. Governance/Faculty Voice at Capitol.

 - c. Student Performance. Dr. Lambert presented a rough draft statement of academic integrity. After some discussion and edits, it was moved on and seconded that the draft be forwarded to the Student Advisory Board, the Council on Instruction, and the Council on Student Affairs for review and further refinement. A copy of the approved draft statement is attached.

 - d. Technology.

9. **Other.**

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