

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Roy Knapp, Tracy Jacomo, Jim Lambert, Steve Betts, Yvonne Montgomery and Jean Van Delinder. Chairman Jim Lambert presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE). Dr. Linda Braddy, Mathematics Department Chair at East Central University; Dr. Gary Buckley, Professor of Physical Science at Cameron University; and Dr. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Education Partnerships provided an overview of the ACE initiative including background, goals, timeline, and work of the task force. Recommendations coming forward from the three committees on (1) curriculum, assessments and cut scores; (2) alternate assessments; and (3) remediation and intervention were discussed.

Discussion of 2007 workplan topics. A review of the year's work on the following topics was discussed:

- (1) health insurance--Met with representatives of OSEEGIB to discuss setting rates, containing costs, pharmacy reimbursements, and new claims processor;
- (2) salaries—Reviewed report on 2006-2007 faculty and administrative salaries which concludes that faculty salaries for all ranks at public institutions is 81.85% of the national salaries and testified at the annual tuition hearing that salaries need to be competitive to retain faculty;
- (3) textbooks--Participated in State Regents' Symposium on Textbook Policies, reviewed literature, conducted survey, and discussed with Student Advisory Board;
- (4) adjunct faculty--Reviewed literature, surveyed public institutions on handbooks and responsibilities, and discussed with Student Advisory Board;
- (5) transfer GPA--Studied results of 2005 survey regarding use of various GPA calculations;
- (6) retirement--Met with Tommy Beavers, Executive Secretary of OTRS, discussed Education Employees Service Incentive Plan (EESIP), and reviewed funding situation; and
- (7) student preparation for college--Reviewed remediation studies, consider ways to assess rigor of courses in course equivalency matrix, discussed with Student Advisory Board, and discussed Governor's Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) initiative.

Faculty Assembly. Planning for the upcoming 2007 Faculty Assembly on Saturday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m. included discussing the Chair's presentation, finalizing the opinion survey and selecting handouts.

Next Meeting. Saturday, October 27, at 9:00 a.m.

Other. The next Higher Education Day at the Capitol will be February 27, 2008.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.