

FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

MINUTES

The Faculty Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2002, in the State Regents' Library/Conference Room. Members present for the meeting were: Marcia Tilley, Al Schwarzkopf, Gayle Kearns, Chris Butler, Claudia Buckmaster, and Robyn Miller. Chairman Marcia Tilley presided. Also present for the first item on the agenda were former Faculty Advisory Committee members: Amanda Blackman, Tom Carment, Craig Clifford, Toni Coakley, Martha George, Maurice Hawthorne, and Chuck Ziehr. David Buchanan was not present but forwarded commentary related to the Search.

1. **CHANCELLOR SEARCH.** Current and former FAC members met with State Regents Chairman Joe Mayer and Dr. Ron Stead. Dr. Stead of Academic Search Consultation Service was introduced as the individual assisting the State Regents in the national search for a Chancellor to succeed Chancellor Hans Brisch who will retire in January 2003. Dr. Stead is visiting in person and by other means with Oklahomans who have an interest or stake in higher education leadership. His goal is to receive input on a) Oklahoma's future needs that must be addressed by the State Regents and next Chancellor to provide citizens with a strong system of higher education opportunities, b) essential characteristics for the Chancellor in light of Oklahoma's higher education needs and culture, and c) advice to the State Regents on the search conduct.

During the hour-long discussion, there was a great deal of consensus despite the varied faculty backgrounds in terms of desirable traits and issues. A question was raised about the hiring process and whether faculty would be able to meet with the candidates. Chairman Mayer suggested alternative ways for faculty input. Dr. Stead indicated that the faculty input along with other input received would be reflected in a prospectus for the Chancellor Search. It is anticipated that the prospectus will be sent to the State Regents in late May and form the basis for the Chancellor Search advertisement. The prospectus may also serve to guide the formation of the State Regents' 2003-2004 workplan.

Current and former members continued the discussion. Members suggested that a resolution might be prepared requesting the opportunity for faculty representation on the search committee or that FAC be allowed to meet with interviewed finalists. The need for confidentiality was recognized along with the need for candidates to understand the faculty constituency in considering an Oklahoma assignment.

2. **MINUTES.** Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

3. **FACULTY TERMINATION LEGISLATION.** FAC discussed the status of the FAC/COI committee work regarding proposed legislation on providing faculty termination reasons. Campus policies on the subject had been sent to members and were discussed. Problem areas were highlighted. It was noted that a meeting of the FAC and COI committee is scheduled. A suggestion was made to express appreciation to Senator Williams and Representative Toure for their interest in faculty welfare.

4. **TECHNOLOGY.** The status of the FAC/COI committee work on technology issues was discussed. FAC members Schwarzkopf, Kearns, and Buckmaster had met with COI representatives

from Western Oklahoma State College, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, and Cameron University. After some visiting, the COI representatives agreed to put together a list of good practices. The group also discussed intellectual property rights. At the University of Oklahoma, work product of the classroom belongs to the faculty unless specific contract language specifies otherwise. The opposite is true at Oklahoma State University. A problem that seems evident in the private institutions is that the technical people are making policy. FAC indicated that the preamble to the best practice document might address this policy issue.

5. **CAEL.** FAC discussed the report and recommendations prepared by the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). Given the hour, members agreed to e-mail their thoughts to each other in preparation for the next meeting. The opportunity for input has been extended.

6. **REGENTS EDUCATION PROGRAM.** Several FAC members had attended the April 1 shared governance session at the Regents Education Program. Speakers included former FAC member Hugh Benson, President Jim Halligan, President Jim Cook, and Provost Don Betz. Members reflected on the session and concurred that it had been well done and well received by board members.

7. **JOINT RESOLUTIONS.** Chairman Tilley reminded the group that the joint Faculty Advisory Committee/Student Advisory Board resolutions will be presented Thursday at the State Regents' April 4 meeting. She inquired about other FAC members who planned to be in attendance.

8. **OTHER.** There was some discussion about the State Regents' initiatives relating to service learning.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.** With the agenda accomplished, the meeting adjourned.