

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2003, in the State Regents' Library/Conference Room. Present for the meeting were: Al Schwarzkopf, Chuck Edgley, Jim Lambert, Nancy Osborn, Claudia Buckmaster, and Judy Colwell. Hal Cauthron was ill and could not attend. Al Schwarzkopf presided. Also present were Ruth Ann Dreyer and Phil Moss. Chancellor Risser was a special guest.

1. **MINUTES.** A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. The motion carried.
2. **CHANCELLOR RISSER.** Chancellor Risser greeted members of the Faculty Advisory Council and visited on a number of issues of interest to faculty. Lifting the cap on tuition was discussed, with the Chancellor noting the need for institutional autonomy in this area. Faculty asked questions about the potential for price wars and the narrowing of distinction between public and independent institutions as it relates to attendance costs. They expressed support for the effort to secure increased flexibility and offered counsel on strategies relating to ensuring student and legislative support. Dr. Lambert noted the need for a paradigm shift relating to funding for higher education, and there was some discussion about additional revenue streams (e.g., lottery, well head technology) that should be explored and strengthened. Members also discussed budget reductions and inquired about reduction priorities. They cited media reports on furloughs at several institutions in which the cuts had been targeted outside the classroom. The need for even administration of cuts was discussed.

The faculty termination policy was discussed. Dr. Schwarzkopf reviewed the status of the measure for the new members and Chancellor. The proposed template developed by a joint FAC/COI committee has passed the Council on Instruction, the Council of Presidents, the statewide Faculty Assembly, and the Faculty Advisory Council. State Regents sent the template to committee for discussion. Because of the need to work with legislative groups before the session starts, the consensus was that the FAC should proceed in inviting legislators, representatives from the respective groups, AAUP, and other interested parties to a victory reception or event of some kind in the State Regents' office. Appreciation would be extended to bill authors for their dedication to the issue, and victory would be declared in resolving the issue and moving forward. If it is possible to secure State Regents' endorsement prior to that time, that will be advantageous but not necessary. Chancellor Risser indicated that he would discuss the matter with appropriate Regents' officers.

Chancellor Risser discussed the budget cuts and noted the need to find more efficiencies and to reduce administrative costs. OneNet and the use of technology will be an avenue for finding and achieving the efficiencies.

3. **NATIONAL STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENT PILOT.** Dr. Debra Stuart had provided a summary of the project but was not able to attend the FAC meeting. The FAC discussed the Pilot Project with the National Forum on College-Level Learning. Several of the members had questions about the instruments proposed for the assessment. Cautions were given about the efficacy of assessing specifics with global measures given the fact that

institutions are very different. Dr. Schwarzkopf indicated that he would be establishing a committee to work with Dr. Stuart on assessment issues and that this is a viable opportunity for faculty to be involved on the front end of a national effort.

4. **WORKPLAN.** The FAC discussed their 2003 workplan and identified top issues consistent with opinions expressed statewide by Oklahoma faculty leaders in the 2002 faculty opinion survey and the statewide Faculty Assembly. Following discussions, Chairman Schwarzkopf set the following committees:

Faculty Compensation Issues

Issues: Faculty salaries
Budget restraints
Faculty workload Issues
Members: Nancy Osborn, Coordinator
Chuck Edgley

Faculty Benefits

Issues: Retirement
Medical
Members: Chuck Edgley, Coordinator
Al Schwarzkopf
Nancy Osborn

Governance/Faculty Voice at Capitol

Issues: Legislative Issues
Members: Al Schwarzkopf, Coordinator
Claudia Buckmaster
Judy Colwell

Student Performance

Issues: Student Preparation for College
Student Assessment Issues
Academic Integrity
Members: Jim Lambert, Coordinator
Judy Colwell
Claudia Buckmaster

Technology

Issues: OneNet
Distance Learning
Use for Academic Effectiveness
Voice Over IP
Members: Al Schwarzkopf, Coordinator
Judy Colwell
Claudia Buckmaster

Chairman Schwarzkopf asked committee coordinators to work with their committees and come to the next meeting with a list of issues they plan to undertake during the year. He indicated that the workplan list and committee memberships should be sent to Hal Cauthron who would be able to add his name to any committee of interest to him.

5. **OTHER.** Claudia Buckmaster noted the upcoming Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges meeting on March 6-7 at Rose State College. She and Judy Colwell will have an opportunity to present information on the Faculty Advisory Council, and they encouraged other members to be present and participate.

Meeting dates for 2003 were discussed with FAC agreeing generally on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. for the regular meetings. Following is the agreed upon schedule for 2003:

Thursday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 16, 2 p.m. (Joint FAC/Student Advisory Board Mtg)
Thursday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.
July – No Regular Meeting (possible electronic meeting)
August – No Regular Meeting (possible electronic meeting)
Thursday, September 4, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 2, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 1, 8 a.m. (regular FAC meeting)
Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. (annual Faculty Assembly)
Thursday, December 4, 9 a.m. (FAC presentation at OSRHE meeting)
Thursday, December 4, 10 a.m. (FAC regular/transition meeting)

A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the meeting be adjourned.