

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2004, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Frank Lawler, Andrea Arquitt, Martha George, Gary Wickham, and Hal Cauthron. Chairman Martha George presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented.
3. **INTRODUCTIONS.** Chairman George introduced Dr. William McHenry, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the State Regents. Also present for the meeting were State Regents' staff Dr. Phil Moss, Gina Wekke, and Jennifer Geren.
4. **ACADEMIC EFFICIENCIES PROJECT.** Dr. Phil Moss discussed the Academic Efficiencies Project. Ecology and mathematics will be the two disciplines used in the pilot project. Dr. Moss noted that the project will be able to study several types of disciplines by using ecology, which is usually a smaller department at State System institutions, and mathematics, which has a broader range of faculty and courses. Nearly 100 ecology and mathematics faculty members met in February for a two-day workshop with consultants from MERLOT and faculty from Fairfield University and the University of Idaho. A follow-up workshop was held for faculty of each discipline in April. Dr. Moss stated that the ecology faculty focused on how to share effective practices and setting up a web resource that can be used to identify sites for field trips and data collected from those sites. He stated that the mathematics faculty focused on college algebra at their follow-up workshop. They asked State Regents' staff to synthesize information on how math redesign efforts have worked at other institutions. State Regents' staff will meet with the Council on Instruction's academic efficiencies committee to determine how faculty at independent institutions can become involved in the project.
5. **OKLAHOMA CAMPUS COMPACT.** Gina Wekke discussed the Oklahoma Campus Compact. She noted a service learning workshop for faculty and students in January 2005 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. A regional Campus Compact conference for Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri will be hosted in Tulsa in July 2005. Jennifer Geren discussed the Raise Your Voice initiative, sponsored by the National Campus Compact. Oklahoma was one of seven sites across the country funded to participate in the Raise Your Voice initiative. The local initiative is Vocal Oklahoma In Civic Engagement (VOICE), which encourages students to get involved in the political process, find and discuss the issues that are important to students, and encourage higher education to make civic engagement central to student learning. Ms. Geren stated that over 3,900 students registered to vote during a registration contest last week. Oklahoma Christian University won the competition by registering over 12 percent of their student body.
6. **NATIONAL REPORT CARD, MEASURING UP 2004.** FAC received the National Report Card, Measuring Up 2004. Chairman George suggested that FAC review the report card and hold discussion until the next meeting.
7. **PLANNING FOR FACULTY ASSEMBLY.** FAC discussed the Faculty Opinion Survey, which will be sent to the current Faculty Senate member at each institution. The results of the survey will be discussed at the annual Faculty Assembly on November 6.

8. **WORKPLAN.** FAC discussed the following 2004 workplan issues:
 - a. Faculty Compensation (faculty salaries, Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System, and benefits such as the current medical insurance benefit provided through HealthChoice).
 - b. Governance (faculty voice with administration, with Regents, and with Legislature).
 - c. Student Academic Issues (preparation for college, retention and graduation of students, and adjunct faculty).
 - d. Program Resources (EDGE, sharing of resources among institutions, and service learning).
9. **NEXT MEETING.** FAC will hold their next meeting on Saturday, November 6, 2004, at 8:00 a.m. in the State Regents' offices, Oklahoma City.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.