

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**Minutes of the
FACULTY ASSEMBLY**

Saturday, October 25, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.
State Regents' Conference Room

Call to Order. The Faculty Assembly met at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2008, in the State Regents' Conference Room. Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Chairman Robin Jones (SWOSU) presided. Participants present were Paul Buckelew (OCCC), Tracy Jacomo (SSC), Jim Lambert (CU), Steve Betts (SNU), Christopher Keller (CU), Mary Penick (CU), Paula Baxter Reif (CASC), Jimmie White (CSC), Ben Harper (ECU), Craig Clifford (NSU), Rex Ackerson (NOC), Sue Hinton (OCCC), Tracy Edwards (OSU-OKC), Kenneth Chinn (SOSU), David Hartmann (UCO), Paula Conlon (OU), Nancy Osborn (USAO), Darrel Reigh (USAO), and Lamont Lindstrom (TU).

Introductions. Participants introduced themselves by providing name, institution and discipline.

State of Oklahoma Higher Education. Chairman Jones introduced Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis. Dr. Davis described the current State Regents priorities for Oklahoma higher education and the proposed legislative agenda including tuition setting, financial aid for returning adult students, OTAG and OTEC allocations, services for returning veterans, and concealed weapons on campus. Discussion included electronic delivery of course and textbook costs.

Oklahoma Workforce Issues. Chairman Jones introduced Norma Noble, the Deputy Secretary of Workforce Development for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Norma described the work of the Governor's Council on Workforce and Economic Development including Work Ready Communities, Career Readiness Certificates based on the ACT WorkKeys assessment, and Project Boomerang.

Faculty Advisory Council (FAC).

Workplan status. Overview of the FAC charge and review of the 2008 workplan was presented by Chairman Jones. Discussion included a suggestion that the next annual survey be revised to reduce confusion by stating all items in the affirmative and by making clear who should respond from each institution.

Issues. Identification of top issues confronting Oklahoma college and university faculty.

Faculty Opinion Survey results. The following issues were most frequently raised: student preparation, college graduation rates, voice at State Capitol, faculty salaries, and concealed weapons.

Comments from representatives. Discussion among participants identified the following issues: concealed weapons, veteran services, faculty evaluation of department chair, teacher certification, student athletes, health insurance, and legislative voice.

FAC Member Election. Chairman Jones provided an overview of procedure for nominations and breakout into tier groups for deliberations. The groups met separately to nominate representatives to the FAC as follows:

Research Universities.

Paula Conlon from the University of Oklahoma

Regional Universities.

Nancy Osborn from University of Oklahoma Arts and Sciences (one-year term)

David Hartman from University of Central Oklahoma (two-year term)

Mary Penick from Cameron University (two-year term)

Community Colleges.

Paula Baxter Reif from Carl Albert State College (one-year term)

Rex Ackerson from Northern Oklahoma College (two-year term)

Tracy Edwards from Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City (two-year term)

Independent Institutions.

Lamont Lindstrom from the University of Tulsa (one-year term)

Other.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.