

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council 2016 Annual Report

Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) is to communicate to the Chancellor and the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university faculty on those issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. In representing faculty, the Faculty Advisory Council shall attempt to accurately represent the positions of faculty and develop recommendations to the State Regents.

Creation. In 1990, seven representatives were nominated and held its first meeting. Bylaws were drafted by the first Faculty Advisory Committee and approved by the State Regents on December 17, 1990. In June 2002, the State Regents approved the Faculty Advisory Committee's name change to the Faculty Advisory Council. FAC members serve two-year terms. Until 2008, two members represented the research universities (one from OU and one from OSU); two represent the regional universities; two represent the community colleges; and one represents the independent institutions. In February 2008, the State Regents approved expanding membership to a total of fourteen with the same proportional representation.

2016 MEMBERS

Research Universities

Jarrad R. Wagner, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
Michele Splinter, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
Tassie Katherine Hirschfeld, University of Oklahoma
Nick Materer, Oklahoma State University

Regional Universities

Jason Prather, East Central University
Pamela Louderback, Northeastern State University
Russell Guthrie, Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Elicia Pollard, Langston University

Community Colleges

Rayshell Clapper, Seminole State College
René Hurst, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City
E. Ginnett Rollins, Oklahoma City Community College
Freeman Culver, III, Connors State College

Independent Colleges

Jyoti Abraham, Bacone College
J.J. Compton, Oklahoma Christian University

CHAIRMEN

January - March 2016
April – August 2016
September - December 2016

Jarrad Wagner
Rayshell Clapper
Pamela Louderback

During the 2016 year, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson worked in partnership with the FAC to serve the interests of higher education faculty and institutions of Oklahoma. Dr. Debra L. Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, served as advisor and liaison.

2016 WORK PLAN

In October 2015, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held November 14, 2015. The 2016 FAC members used this information to design a work plan that focused on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma.

In 2016, the FAC addressed the following work plan items:

- 1. Quality of learning including teaching loads and scholarship.** Discussion included the State Regents Online Education Task Force recommendations, quality of courses, ownership of content, legal issues, and the national State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) for online delivery;
- 2. Preparation of recent high schools graduates in math, writing, listening and reading including new English and math standards.** Discussion based on presentations from the faculty who served as co-chairs of the writing committees regarding the content and process for the K-12 standards;
- 3. Campus security and safety including prohibition of weapons on campus.** Discussion based on a briefing on the State Regents Campus and Security Task Force included faculty involvement;
- 4. Faculty having a greater voice at the Capitol.** Based on a presentation of the Chancellor's Legislative Network discussion included how the legislative liaisons work and topics where faculty resolutions are needed;
- 5. College success measures.** Discussion included State Regents reports on student preparation, persistence rates, graduation rates, assessment and performance funding; and
- 6. Communications with faculty at all institutions.** Discussion included a review of the annual faculty survey instrument and possible sharing of national information sources.

2016 ACTIVITIES

The FAC holds monthly meetings to discuss the work plan items and matters affecting all higher education institutions in Oklahoma. Copies of the minutes are on the FAC web site at <http://www.okhighered.org/fac>.

Delivered annual report and introduced incoming and outgoing members at December 2016 State Regents' meeting.

Shared ideas with the Student Advisory Board on FAC work plan; faculty responsibilities as teaching, research, and service; academic advising, and gun resolutions.

Participated in Higher Education Day at the State Capitol.

Provided comments at the Annual Tuition Hearing.

Redesigned and conducted Faculty Opinion Survey of faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities in October 2016.

Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 5, 2016 for discussion with faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson presented the state of Oklahoma higher education.