

FAC REVIEW, INPUT AND STUDIES

Distance learning/Talkback television/Western Governor's University,
development and potential impact on Oklahoma colleges and universities

Undergraduate degree requirements and articulation

Concurrent enrollment policy

Teacher education

Fees and tuition

Budget principles

Assessment/Remediation

Regents Education Program offerings

Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program

Applied courses

Grading study

Higher education reform/funding

Telecommunications

ACT scores for college readiness

Adjunct faculty

School-to-Work

Faculty technology training

1996 legislative priorities

Issues under active study by FAC:

Telecommunications and technology in the classroom

Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System

Faculty productivity

Faculty networking



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to the

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for Higher Education

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Annual Report

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Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Committee 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 Committee shall attempt to accurately represent the positions of faculty and develop the best proposals and recommendations to the State Regents.

Creation. Seven representatives were nominated on June 26, 1990, by a statewide assembly of faculty convened by the Chancellor. The group held its first meeting on October 6, 1990, and bylaws drafted by the first Faculty Advisory Committee were approved by the State Regents on December 17, 1990. FAC members serve two year terms. Two members represent the comprehensive tier; two represent the regional tier; two represent the two-year colleges; one represents the independent institutions. The 1996 membership was:

MEMBERS

Comprehensive Universities

Tom Boyd, University of Oklahoma
Gary Foutch, Oklahoma State University

Regional Universities

Tom Carment, Northeastern State University
Stephen Law, University of Central Oklahoma

Two-Year Colleges

Rex Morrell, Murray State College
Martha George, Oklahoma City Community College

Independent Colleges

Jerry Altshuler, Oklahoma City University

CHAIRMEN

January - April 1996
May - August 1996
September - December 1996

Gary Foutch
Tom Carment
Rex Morrell

1996 FAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO STATE REGENTS

Concurrent Enrollment. Resolution that State Regents establish: 1) a policy for high school students of exceptional ability to be eligible to participate in concurrent enrollment; 2) reporting requirements for institutions to effectively monitor the criteria; 3) a written annual assessment for the institutions. (January 26, 1996)

Admission Standards. Supporting the Council on Instruction's recommendation to deny Oklahoma State University's request for an increase in alternative admission to 20 percent. (March 5, 1996)

Merger. In light of proposed merger of University Center at Tulsa and Rogers College, a resolution that the Oklahoma legislature and Governor request the State Regents conduct studies and needs analyses and make appropriate recommendation on institutional structure and governance. (March 5, 1996)

Telecommunications. Study of effectiveness of talkback television by surveying faculty, students, and coordinators. Findings resulted in recommendation to 1) establish minimum quality standards for electronic distance learning in the areas of instruction, instructional support and technical support; 2) develop guidelines for institutional development of operations manuals for electronic distance learning; 3) enhance coordination and scheduling of course and program offerings systemwide; 4) develop incentives that will lead to the enhancement of quality electronic offerings.

FAC ACTIVITIES

Campus Events. Visits by current and former FAC members to faculty senates, fall 1996.

Monthly FAC Meetings. Regular monthly meetings to discuss matters affecting the entire State System.

Faculty Assembly. Hosted annual Faculty Assembly, fall 1996.

State Regents' Meetings. Attendance by representatives at regular meetings of the State Regent throughout the year with quarterly reports and recommendations delivered personally to the State Regents.

Legislative Activities. Coordinated faculty briefings and visits with legislators.

Interaction with other groups.

- Joint meeting with Student Advisory Board
- FAC member service on articulation committees

Alumni Annual Meeting. September 1996.