




## FAC REVIEW, INPUT AND STUDIES

- GEAR-UP federal grant for Oklahoma
  - Adult Learner Focused Institution (ALFI) initiative
  - Research competitiveness initiative
  - Virtual University creation
  - Guidelines for articulation of teacher education programs between two-year and four-year institutions
  - Federal accountability requirements
  - E&G Budget
  - Development of On-line Learning Exchange, a multi-state cooperative curriculum development project
  - Learning site initiative
  - Surveys on distance education, faculty development, and campus computing
  - Policy on undergraduate degree requirements and articulation
  - Policy on admission to, retention in, and transfer among colleges and universities in the State System
  - Standards regarding academic calendars of institutions and undergraduate academic workload standards in the State System (competency-based learning)
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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 1999 membership was:

## MEMBERS

### Comprehensive Universities

Pat Weaver-Meyers, University of Oklahoma  
David Buchanan, Oklahoma State University

### Regional Universities

Chuck Ziehr, Northeastern State University  
Harry Nowka, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

### Two-Year Colleges

Jerry Nielsen, Oklahoma State University Technical Branch - Oklahoma City  
Toni Coakley, Western Oklahoma State College

### Independent Colleges

Alton Higgins, Mid-America Bible College

## CHAIRMEN

January - April 1999  
May - August 1999  
September - December 1999

Pat Weaver-Meyers  
Chuck Ziehr  
Jerry Nielsen

## 1999 FAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO STATE REGENTS

- **FRESHMEN ORIENTATION.** Recommendation from FAC and Student Advisory Board that Regents urge institutions to develop a semester equivalent freshmen gateway experience
- **ADULT STUDENTS.** Recommendation from FAC and Student Advisory Board that Regents enhance their web site for nontraditional students and urge Regents and institutions to implement comprehensive services for adult population
- **RESEARCH.** Recommendation from FAC and SAB for research funding increase for all disciplines and incentives enhancing undergraduate student opportunities.
- **FACULTY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.** Recommendation from FAC and SAB for increased funding, adjusted priorities, and use of student expertise for faculty technology development
- **FEES AND TUITION.** Recommendation from FAC and SAB for depoliticization of fee and tuition setting process
- **BUDGET NEEDS.** Recommendation from FAC and SAB supporting budget needs request
- **ACTIVE LEARNER.** Recommendation from FAC and SAB encouraging incentives and initiatives to improve student preparation for college and use of active learning and interactive technology

## FAC ACTIVITIES

- Presentation of "Political Realities of Influencing System-Wide Faculty Policies: The Oklahoma Process" at January 1999 annual conference of the American Association of Higher Education
- Preparation of "Shaping State Technology Policy" for January 2000 presentation of the American Association of Higher Education
- Maintenance of FAC web page (<http://www.osrhe.edu/~fac/>)
- Meeting with Jim Mingle, State Regents' technology consultant, to assess adequacy of faculty technology training efforts
- Letters to Faculty Senates statewide assessing need for faculty liability seminar
- Co-sponsorship of "Best Practices in Faculty Instructional Technology: Benchmarks for Oklahoma Higher Education"

**MONTHLY FAC MEETINGS.** Regular monthly meetings to discuss matters affecting the entire State System.

**FACULTY ASSEMBLY.** Hosted annual Faculty Assembly, fall 1999

**STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS.** Attendance by representatives at regular meetings of the State Regents throughout the year with annual report delivered personally to the State Regents.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES.**

- Coordinated faculty briefings and visits with legislators.
- Participated in Higher Education Day at the state capitol
- Provided testimony for House and Senate Committees on SB 382, Faculty Appeals

**INTERACTION WITH OTHER GROUPS.**

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