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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 1998 membership was:

Members

Comprehensive Universities

Pat Weaver-Meyer, University of Oklahoma
Jim Trapp, Oklahoma State University

Regional Universities

Yvonne Montgomery, Langston University
Chuck Ziehr, Northeastern State University

Two-Year Colleges

Bob Willis, Rogers University - Claremore
Jerry Nielsen, Oklahoma State University Technical Branch - Oklahoma City

Independent Colleges

Sherry Sexton, Oklahoma City University

Chairmen

January - April 1998
May - August 1998
September - December 1998

Jim Trapp
Chuck Ziehr
Bob Willis

FAC ACTIVITIES

- Preparation of proposal on “Political Realities of Influencing System-Wide Faculty Policies: The Oklahoma Process” for January 1999 presentation at the annual conference of the American Association of Higher Education (proposal accepted)
- Redesign FAC web page (<http://www.osrhe.edu/~fac/>)
- Joint meeting with AAUP executive committee and the Chancellor in October
- Meeting with Jim Mingle, State Regents’ technology consultant to assess adequacy of faculty technology training efforts
- Meetings (2) with executive committee of Presidents Council to discuss faculty personnel policy
- Letters to Faculty Senates statewide assessing need for faculty liability seminar
- Western Governors University conference January 30 at Oklahoma State University
- Faculty liability issues
- Faculty work on course equivalency/transfer issues
- Sabbatical leave policies

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

FACULTY ASSEMBLY. Hosted annual Faculty Assembly, fall 1998

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

INTERACTION WITH OTHER GROUPS.

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

FAC REVIEW, INPUT, and STUDIES

- Review of OSRHE survey on statewide faculty technology training efforts
- Review of proposal for cooperative curriculum development
- Review of Oklahoma participation in the benchmarking study on faculty development sponsored by the American Productivity and Quality Center/State Higher Education Executive Officers
- Oklahoma Teachers Retirement (OTRS) Task Force
- House Bill 1815 establishing a technology training fund of \$7 million
- Economic development plans and efforts
- Increasing institutional employees' educational benefits through fee waivers
- State System budget needs request document
- Oklahoma Electronic Campus
- Discipline-based faculty committees identifying outstanding curricula available via multimedia (\$124,000 Quality Initiative Grant to be proposed to the Regents for this project)
- Annual Student Assessment Report; Annual Student Remediation Report
- Policy revisions to the electronic media policy and to the baccalaureate and associate degree policies
- Purchase of library databases by means of a Department of Libraries grant
- OU/OSU plan for higher education in Tulsa
- Intellectual property legal issues
- System-wide review of business programs
- Western Governors University
- Instructional technology among teaching faculty and instructional support personnel
- Faculty Fall Arts Institute sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Institute