

Annual Report of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council 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 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. In June of 2002, the State Regents approved the Faculty Advisory Committee's name change to the Faculty Advisory Council. FAC members serve two-year terms. Two members represent the research tier; two represent the regional tier; two represent the two-year colleges; one represents the independent institutions.

2004 MEMBERS

Research Universities

Chuck Edgley, Oklahoma State University (before October)
Andrea Arquitt, Oklahoma State University (after October)
Frank Lawler, University of Oklahoma

Regional Universities

Nancy Osborn, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Nancy Prigmore, Northwestern Oklahoma State University (before October)
Gary Wickham, Northeastern State University (after October)

Two-Year Colleges

Judy Colwell, Northern Oklahoma College
Martha George, Oklahoma City Community College

Independent Colleges

Hal Cauthron, Southern Nazarene University

2004 WORKPLAN

In November of each year, a statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders is administered. Preliminary results are compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held in early December. Then, each January, FAC members draw upon these discussions and the complete results of the survey to design a workplan that focuses on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma. In 2004, the following issues were in the FAC workplan:

- **Faculty Compensation Issues (faculty salaries, OTRS, medical insurance)**
- **Governance (administration, Regents and legislature)**
- **Student Academic Issues (preparation for college, retention, graduation, and adjunct faculty)**
- **Program Resources (EDGE, sharing among institutions, and service learning)**

2004 FAC ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings to discuss matters affecting the entire State System
FAC web site at <http://www.okhighered.org/fac>.

- Annual Faculty Opinion Survey results for 2005 Workplan. Top Issues are (1) salaries, (2) preparation for college, (3) academic integrity, (4) governance, and (5) fiscal stability of OTRS.
- Joint resolutions with the Student Advisory Board on (1) OHLAP, (2) adjunct faculty, (3) EDGE, (4) student retention and graduation, (5) K-16, (6) nationally competitive education quality, (7) debt management, (8) civic engagement, (9) GEAR UP. (February 2004)
- Met with officials of State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board (OSEEGIB)
- Met with Director of the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System (OTRS) to discuss questions from faculty.
- Participated in Higher Education Day at the state capitol.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

- Hosted annual Faculty Assembly, November 2004.
- Faculty Opinion Survey discussion.

STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS

Attendance by representatives at regular meetings of the State Regents throughout the year with annual report delivered in December and resolutions offered in February to the State Regents.

- FAC member spoke on behalf of Faculty at the April 2004 Tuition Hearing



2004 REVIEW, INPUT AND STUDIES

- Legislative issues
- State Regents' Workplan
- Faculty compensation issues and faculty benefits
- Medical insurance
- Credit card study
- Academic efficiencies
- National forum on college level learning pilot
- Internet filtering at libraries
- Economic Development Generating Excellence (EDGE)
- Cooperative Alliances with Technology Centers
- Tuition increases
- Part-time faculty
- Policy changes relating to distance learning, on-line learning, and intellectual property issues
- Oklahoma Campus Compact and service learning
- Financial aid developments
- National higher education report card
- Legal issues in higher education conference



CHAIRMEN


January - March 2004	Judy Colwell
April - June 2004	Hal Cauthron
July - September 2004	Nancy Osborn
October - December 2004	Martha George



RELATIONSHIPS AT OSRHE

Central to successful action on the FAC Workplan as well as to other activities of the FAC are the Chancellor and members of the OSRHE staff. During the past year Chancellor Paul Risser has 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 Administration and Board Relations, has served as advisor and liaison to OSRHE staff.

Other staff members who have been frequent and important sources of assistance to the FAC are Dr. Phil Moss, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Ms. Maryanne Maletz, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Dr. Dolores Mize, Associate Vice Chancellor and Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Mr. Sid Hudson, Vice Chancellor for Legislative Relations & Communications & Interim Vice Chancellor for Research & Development.



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