

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2004, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Frank Lawler, Chuck Edgely, Nancy Osborn, Martha George, Judy Colwell, Nancy Prigmore, and Hal Cauthron. Chairman Judy Colwell presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes were approved as written from the last meeting.
3. **INTRODUCTIONS.**
4. **HEALTH INSURANCE.** Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor, introduced Bill Crane, Paul King and Frank Wilson of OSEEGIB who answered question about Health Choice. They explained that Bonita McCoy, Director of Special Projects, is reviewing coverage possibilities for those who travel; international issues will be considered at their April meeting. Health Choice has experienced a net gain of 400 providers similar to Delta, but there are still problems in rural areas. There was a lengthy discussion about how claims are processed. More than four million are handled annually. Complaints can be handled by a grievance panel and they are looking into services for out-of-state providers. Problems with emergency claims should only happen if the service was not a true emergency. They are exploring national secondary coverage. In response to concerns about identity theft, Bill Crane explained the process involved in changing the system and that they are waiting for a federal mandate for the entire health delivery system. In February, benefit coordinators at all higher education institutions were survey, but responses have been received from only 10. It was agreed that every spring is a good time to meet with the FAC.
5. **WORKPLAN.** The following committee assignments were made for the 2004 workplan:
 - a. Faculty Compensation(faculty salaries, OTRS, and benefits such as Health Choice): Frank Lawler, Nancy Osborn, Nancy Prigmore and Chuck Edgely
 - b. Governance (faculty voice with administration, with Regents and with Legislature): Nancy Prigmore, Frank Lawler and Martha George
 - c. Student Academic Issues (preparation for college, retention and graduation of students, and adjunct faculty): Hal Cauthron, Martha George and Judy Colwell
 - d. Program Resources (EDGE, sharing of resources among institutions, and service learning): Nancy Osborn, Judy Colwell and Chuck Edgely
6. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.