

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, January 22, 2004, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Frank Lawler, Nancy Osborn, Martha George, Judy Colwell, Nancy Prigmore, and Hal Cauthron. Chairwoman Judy Colwell presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes were approved as written from the last meeting.
3. **INTRODUCTIONS.** Dr. Ruth Ann Dreyer, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Board Relations, introduced Dr. Debra Stuart as the incoming Vice Chancellor. Members welcomed her and introduced themselves.
4. **FACULTY BENEFITS.** Maryanne Maletz, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, described how benefits data are being collected from existing information on institutional websites, contacting staff as needed for additional information, then having the business officers verify the findings. She introduced Debbie Siragusa, _____, who explained a handout showing retirement benefits to which institutions contribute. Members were told that they may share this handout with other faculty. Siragusa will conduct additional comparisons as more information is collected. Health benefit data will be collected next.
5. **CREDIT CARD REPORT.** Dr. Kermit McMurry, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, distributed the *Oklahoma College Student Credit Card Study (October 2003)* and summarized the findings. Members expressed interest in following-up on campus and asked to be kept informed of future actions and recommendations.
6. **ACADEMIC ISSUES.** Dr. Phil Moss, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, announced the hiring of Dr. William McHenry as the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs as of June 1.
 - a. He went on to describe the status of the Academic Efficiency Project with a workshop tentatively scheduled for February 26-27 in Oklahoma City. Math and Ecology faculty members from each campus will be invited by their Academic Vice Presidents to participate. FAC members will be invited to observe.
 - b. Dr. Moss described several new policies and reports from recent and upcoming State Regents' actions: residency for degree requirements and tuition, admission, and remediation.
 - c. He also informed members of HB 2222 to require Internet filtering in academic libraries. Members expressed concerned about the quality of the software available to this and the interference with academic research.
7. **EDGE.** Dr. Moss distributed copies to members and summarized the major recommendations. Members will study the report and use during workplan discussions.
8. **MEETINGS.** Members discussed agendas for upcoming meetings.
 - a. Joint FAC/SAB meeting on Sunday, January 25: Members reviewed proposed joint resolutions on the following topics:
 - i. OHLAP

- ii. Adjunct Faculty
- iii. EDGE
- iv. Retention and Graduation
- v. K-16
- vi. Nationally Competitive Educational Quality
- vii. Debt Management
- viii. VOICE/Civic Engagement
- ix. GEAR-UP

1. Regular meeting on February 5 was cancelled due to the short time since the January meeting and Higher Education Day at the Capitol.
 2. Regular meeting on March 4 will include a presentation from OTRS officials. Members requested a list of the questions discussed during the last OTRS presentation plus additional ones suggested by members. A copy of these will be provided to OTRS prior to the meeting.
 3. Regular meeting on April 1 will include a presentation from the HealthChoice officials. Members suggested inviting the same officials who presented last time. Invitations to attend this meeting will be sent to all faculty senate presidents and the chairman of the Council of Presidents, Jim Cook. Bryce Fair, _____, was asked to facilitate the discussion.
9. **WORKPLAN.** The following committee assignments were made for the 2004 workplan:
- a. Faculty Compensation: Frank Lawler, Nancy Osborn, Nancy Prigmore and Chuck Edgley
 - b. Governance: Nancy Prigmore, Frank Lawler and Martha George
 - c. Student Academic Issues: Hal Cauthron, Martha George and Judy Colwell
 - d. Program Resources: Nancy Osborn, Judy Colwell and Chuck Edgley
10. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.