

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, March 4, 2004, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Frank Lawler, Nancy Osborn, Martha George, Judy Colwell, Nancy Prigmore, and Chuck Edgley. Chairman Judy Colwell presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes were approved as written from the last meeting.
3. **INTRODUCTIONS.**
4. **OKLAHOMA TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OTRS).** Mr. Tommy Beavers, Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System, spoke to the Faculty Advisory Council and addressed questions about OTRS. He stated that under-funding was still a primary concern with OTRS. He also discussed investment returns and legislative issues. Associate Vice Chancellor Bryce Fair also participated in this discussion.
5. **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH TECHNOLOGY CENTERS.** Chancellor Risser discussed an alliance model between the Technology Centers and State System institutions. The goal of the alliance is to move high school students into college degree programs, encourage adult students to continue their college education, expand access to education services, and use public resources as effectively as possible. The model shows that alliances will be formed between pairs of institutions, and technology centers. Through the cooperative agreements under the alliances, high school students would be able to gain college credit from courses taken at a technology center immediately. Chancellor Risser discussed several concerns related to the proposed structure of cooperative agreements. He stated that the next step would be to develop a template for the alliances to follow.
6. **WORKPLAN.** FAC discussed the following 2004 workplan issues:
 - a. Faculty Compensation (faculty salaries, Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System, and benefits such as the current medical insurance benefit provided through HealthChoice).
 - b. Governance (faculty voice with administration, with Regents, and with Legislature).
 - c. Student Academic Issues (preparation for college, retention and graduation of students, and adjunct faculty).
 - d. Program Resources (EDGE, sharing of resources among institutions, and service learning).
7. **NEXT MEETING.** FAC will hold their next meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the State Regents' offices, Oklahoma City.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.