

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, October 6, 2005, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Gary Wickham, Peggy Poteet, Carol Moder, Brett Elliot, Jane Carney, Frank Lawler and Bruce Stewart. Chairman Carol Moder, presided. Also present were Debra Stuart and Cindy Brown of the State Regents' staff.
2. **Minutes from last meeting.** The minutes from the September meeting were approved as amended to correctly list the October meeting date.
3. **Introductions.** The members introduced themselves to staff and visiting teachers.
4. **Preparation for College.** The following teachers were invited to discuss issues related to college preparation: Brenda Walker, Junior High School science; Sharon Boyd, Madill High School mathematics; Greg Oppel, Edmond Memorial High School social studies; Gayle St. John, Norman High School English; Pam Epperson, Putnam City High School English; and Gary Akin, Tahlequah High School mathematics. The discussion included the lack of communication between high school and college faculty, EPAS, remediation, raising standards and expectations for high school and college students, critical thinking skills, learning disabilities, high school students living independently, students working too many hours, alternative schools, failing students, the need for more time and funding, freshman academy, principals as instructional leaders, grade inflation, and absences due to activities.

It was recommended that colleges clearly state expectations by subject, high schools offer AP and pre-AP courses and teaching strategies to all students, include more minority students in honors classes, make sure parents know the college requirements, use College Board and National Board training in teacher education programs, and sponsor a larger meeting of to further this discussion.

5. **Higher Education Conference.** Debra Stuart described the February 2, 2006 Higher Education Conference on Enrollment Planning which will include teams from the each State System institution.
6. **Faculty Assembly.** Next month's annual meeting will include a presentation by Chancellor Risser, a summary of the faculty survey results, a discussion of issues on each campus and election of FAC members.
7. **Workplan.** Discussion of 2005 workplan.
 - a. Salaries. FAC members reported that salary increases ranged from 3 to 4.5%. Discussion included raising salaries to regional averages, calculating community college salaries based on years of services and the use of merit increases.
 - b. Preparation for College. No additional discussion.

- c. Academic Integrity. Want to collect policies from all campuses.
 - d. Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS). Members were encouraged to read the last newsletter.
- 8. Other.** Discussion included a report on the faculty course equivalency meeting, and inquiry about collecting the latest faculty handbooks, incentives for online programs and outcome assessments.
- 9. Next Meeting.** FAC will hold its next meeting on Thursday, December 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the State Regents' office, Oklahoma City.
- 10. Adjournment.** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.