

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**Minutes of the
FACULTY ASSEMBLY**

Saturday, October 27, 2007 - 10:00 a.m.
State Regents' Conference Room

1. **Call to Order.** The Faculty Assembly met at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2007, in the State Regents' Conference Room. Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Chairman Jim Lambert (CU) presided. Participants present were Roy Knapp (OU), Jean Delinder (OSU), Steve Betts (SNU), Jamie Mock (UCO), Robin Jones (SWOSU), Marta Osby (SSC), Craig Clifford (NSU), Roger Frech (OU), Carol Moder (OSU), Paul Buckelew (OCCC), Ken Bohannon (USAO), Mary Penick (CU), David Cochran (OWU), Katharyn Couch (EOSC), Beverly Devries (SNU), Sonya Fallgatter (OU), Paul Hatley (RSU), Cherie Hughes (TCC), Charlie Jones (ECU), Bob Miller (OU), Rebekkah Morrow (WOSC), Jamie Spence (MSC), Leah Torbett (OSU-OKC), John Yeutter (NSU), Brent Shoulders (OPSU), Lucretia Scoufos (SOSU), Joyce Friske (TCC), Yvonne Montgomery (LU) and Jimmie White (CSC).
2. **Introductions.** Participants introduced themselves by providing name, institution and discipline.
3. **Presentation by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis.** Chairman Lambert introduced Vice Chancellor Davis. Dr. Davis presented a PowerPoint slideshow describing the current State Regents Public Agenda for Oklahoma higher education and the proposed legislative agenda. Discussion included the expected level of state appropriations and the increase in student loans.
4. **Faculty Advisory Council (FAC).**
 - a. **Workplan status.** Overview of the FAC charge and review of the 2007 workplan was presented by Chairman Lambert. Discussion included institutions investigating other health insurance providers besides Health Choice and the immigration bill.
 - b. **Policy revision.** The Assembly participants voted in favor of the proposed revisions expanding the definition of who may be a member of the FAC.
5. **Issues.** Identification of top issues confronting Oklahoma college and university faculty.
 - a. **Faculty Opinion Survey results.** The following issues were most frequently raised: student preparation, textbook costs, need for improved voice at State Capitol, faculty salaries, and adjunct faculty.
 - b. **Comments from representatives.** After discussion among participants, the following issues were identified for the 2007 FAC workplan: (1) student preparation, (2) textbooks (3) voice at State Capitol, and (4) faculty salaries.
6. **FAC Member Election.** Chairman Calhoun provided an overview of procedure for nominations and breakout into tier groups for deliberations. Then the groups met separately to nominate representatives to the FAC as follows:
 - a. Research Universities. Roger Frech from the University of Oklahoma.
 - b. Regional Universities. Robin Jones from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
 - c. Community Colleges. Paul Buckelew from Oklahoma City Community College.
7. **Other.**
8. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.