

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Roger Frech, Jean Van Delinder, Paul Buckelew, Steve Betts, and Jim Lambert. Chair Roger Frech presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.
2. **Minutes from last meeting.** The minutes of the last FAC meeting were approved as distributed.
3. **2008 Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference October 28 at OU.** After reviewing last year's conference agenda, the following topics were suggested: copyright law, faculty misconduct, student misconduct, and immigration. Members will continue to consider other topics and possible speakers.
4. **Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System (OTRS).** Tommy Beavers, Executive Secretary, presented information regarding OTRS funding levels and legislation. Discussion included contacting faculty through campus leadership and reaching legislators about fully funding OTRS. Members will consider a resolution in support of these issues.
5. **Discussion of 2008 workplan topics: (1) student preparation/study skills, (2) student retention/graduation, (3) textbook costs, (4) retirement, (5) health insurance, and (6) salaries.** The Student Advisory Board requested support for a resolution to recommend that institutions publish textbook information including cost on the Internet and have copies in the library. The members suggested that the SAB remove any reference to costs of the copies being passed along to the students. Debra Stuart presented information on the *Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count*, a national initiative in which Oklahoma is participating to improve access and success of at-risk students.
6. **Preparation for meeting with Chancellor Johnson on May 8th.** In preparation for the Chancellor's visit with the FAC, the following discussion items were suggested: role and responsibilities of the Chancellor, legislative update, process for determining allocation of funds, demands on higher education appropriations such as Quartz Mt. and Oklahoma's Promise, CLASS update, alignment of student preparation as a K-16 effort, and outcomes assessment/accountability.
7. **Preparation for Tuition Hearing on April 17th.** Members reviewed a fact sheet regarding history of appropriations, tuition charges, enrollment and affordability. Chair will present opinions discussed at the hearing.
8. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting is on Thursday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m.
9. **Other.** No other business was discussed.
10. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.