

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Roger Frech, Paul Buckelew, Nancy Osborn, David Hartmann, Mary Penick, Paula Reif, Tracy Edwards, Lamont Lindstrom, Robin Jones, Birne Binengar, and Beverly Devries. Paul Buckelew presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the January 12, 2009 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Introductions. Members introduced themselves.

Tulsa Community College Textbook Project. President Tom McKeon distributed a handout and presented a PowerPoint describing TCC's project to reduce textbook costs that is being funded by a grant from the State Regents. He provided background on textbook costs, the scope of the project and planned initiatives including software that will allow students to sell or trade textbooks with each other and a conference in Spring 2010. Discussion included FAC participating in and promoting the conference, how customized texts are used and open sources to replace published textbooks.

Discussion of 2009 workplan topics. The following topics were discussed for inclusion in the 2009 workplan:

1. Concealed weapons on campus—The bill has no Senate author, but the FAC will continue to communicate with other faculty and legislators and to prepare a resolution;
2. Retirements benefits—Faculty need to contact the business office at their respective institutions to get clarification on what changes have been made;
3. Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System (OTRS)—The new Executive Secretary will be invited to meet with the FAC;
4. Veteran student needs—An expert will be invited to a future meeting;
5. Teacher certification—Nancy Osborn distributed a USAO faculty to add a minor in education as a way of addressing alternative certification; information regarding the placement of teachers will be requested from the teacher preparation programs;
6. Adult student needs—Information from the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning's (CAEL) Adult Learner Friendly Institution (ALFI) tool will be discussed at a future meeting;
7. Student retention—The State Regents' Student Preparation staff will present information about the Education Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) and counselor/teacher professional development activities including GEAR UP;
8. Curriculum alignment—Defined as attention to the transitions between grade levels and college, the faculty serving on the Governor's Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) initiative will be invited to describe its current status and future plans;
9. Academic support services—
10. Textbook costs—Continue discussions and sharing of information.

Next Meeting. The next meeting is Monday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Pictures for website. Pictures were taken to be posted on the FAC website.

Other. Information regarding Higher Education Day on February 10 at the Capitol will be distributed via email.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.