

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Roger Frech and Birne Binegar. Roger Frech presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the April 2009 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Veteran Services. Dr. Beth Jeffries, Program Director for the PTSD Clinical Team at Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, presented information related to veterans attending college. The discussion included a description of PTSD and veteran services available at community centers (CBOC) and veteran clinics and through VTEL, a webcam therapy placed with tribes and in counseling centers on campuses. Dr. Jeffries said that Oklahoma has the largest National Guard presence in Iraq and the average age serving there is 29.

Update on 2009 workplan topics.

1. Concealed weapons on campus—The bills failed to pass during the legislative session, but the FAC will continue to communicate with other faculty and legislators and be prepared to offer a resolution in opposition if needed.
2. Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System (OTRS)—Based on the discussion with the new Executive Secretary, this topic has been addressed.
3. Veteran student needs— Dr. Beth Jeffries, Program Director for the PTSD Clinical Team at Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, presented information to FAC and may be invited to speak at the annual Faculty Assembly; the 2nd Annual Statewide Student Veteran Conference includes a faculty session with FAC members Penick and Hartmann as panelists.
4. Teacher certification—If H.B. 1333 had not been signed by the Governor, the Deans of education would have been asked to offer a recommendation to reform alternative certification that the FAC could support including a minimum requirement similar to the USAO proposal to add a minor in education.
5. Adult student needs—Information from the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning's (CAEL), Southern Nazarene University's adult cohort groups and State Regents' ReachHigher at the regional universities will be presented at a future meeting;
6. Student retention—The State Regents' staff presented information about the Education Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) and counselor/teacher professional development activities including GEAR UP.
7. 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.
8. Academic support services—no further discussion;
9. Textbook costs—President Tom McKeon distributed a handout and presented a PowerPoint describing Tulsa Community College Textbook Project including software for students to sell or trade textbooks with each other and a conference in Spring 2010; H.B. 1882 was signed by Governor and requests of publishers to supply information about content revisions; and articles are shared and compiled in the textbook discussion paper.

10. Service learning and Campus Compact-- Speakers presenting information on service learning will be scheduled for a future meeting.
11. Health benefits—A speaker representing HealthChoice will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting is Friday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.