

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2009, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present were Robin Jones, Paul Buckelew, Frans Currier, Nancy Osborn, David Hartmann, Paula Reif, Rex Ackerson and Beverly Devries. David Hartmann presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the May 4, 2009 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance (OSEEGIB). Bill Crain, Administrator, and Frank Wilson, Deputy Administrator, described HealthChoice as strong financially; however, claims exceeded premiums leading to a 12% increase in premiums for 2010, increased office co-pay and out-of-pocket pharmacy. EDS, the new processing vendor, had difficulties transitioning and is still improving. The tobacco cessation benefit instituted in 2008 changed from one per lifetime to two annually. Discussion also included Medicare benefits and changes among institutions in health care plans.

Election of chairman for October-December. Nancy Osborn from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) was elected as the next chairman.

Faculty Assembly. Planning for the next Faculty Assembly included selecting November 7 at 10:00 a.m., requesting Chancellor Johnson to update faculty on legislative issues, and revising the faculty survey.

Status of 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 on October 8 includes a faculty session with FAC members Penick and Hartmann as panelists; the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student loan Program has *published Financial Aid Information for Student Veterans*.
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 scheduled for March 5 in Tulsa; 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— Bill Crain, Administrator, and Frank Wilson, Deputy Administrator, discussed the status of HealthChoice.

Next Meeting. The next meetings are **Saturday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m.** and **Monday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m.**

Other. The annual report, *Salaries in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education 2008-2009: Faculty and Selected Administrative Positions*, was distributed to all members.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.