

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**Minutes of the
FACULTY ASSEMBLY**

Saturday, November 7, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.
State Regents' Conference Room

Call to Order. The Faculty Assembly met at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2009, in the State Regents' Conference Room. Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Chairman Nancy Osborn (USAO) presided. Participants present were Christopher Keller (CU), Mary Penick (CU), Jimmie White (CSC), Jason Prather (ECU), Pat Creech (NEOAMC), Denise Deason-Toyne (NSU), Rex Ackerson (NOC), Dianne Broyles (OSCC), Beverly Meyer (OPSU), John Wood (RSC), Kenneth Chinn (SOSU), Robin Jones (SWOSU), Scott Long (SWOSU), Angela Summers (TCC), Mickey Hepner, (UCO), David Hartmann (UCO), Aimee Franklin (OU), Roger Frech (OU), Nancy Osborn (USAO), Bob Lively (SNU), Beverly Devries (SNU), and Lamont Lindstrom (TU).

Introductions. Participants introduced themselves by providing name, institution and discipline.

Oklahoma Higher Education Legislative Update. Chairman Osborn introduced Chancellor Glen D. Johnson who presented the legislative budget request which was developed between July and late October. Campus visits to discuss the budget will be held during the winter. Legislative issues discussed included use of technology and online courses, textbook costs, transfer activity, student success, tuition and fee increases, and pipeline of students. The PowerPoint slides will be made available.

Status of Workplan. Nancy Osborn distributed the 2009 Annual Report, provided an overview of the FAC charge, and reviewed the 2009 workplan.

Issues. Identification of top issues confronting Oklahoma college and university faculty.

Faculty Opinion Survey results. The following issues were most frequently cited: student preparation for college, quality of online courses, cost of textbooks, concealed weapons on campuses, voice at State Capitol, faculty salaries, and health benefits.

Comments from representatives. Discussion among participants identified additional issues: adjunct faculty pay, veteran services, and coordination with common education.

FAC Member Election. Chairman Osborn provided an overview of procedure for nominations and breakout into tier groups for deliberations. The groups met separately to nominate representatives to the FAC as follows:

Research Universities.

LeRoy Blank from the University of Oklahoma
Jean Van Delinder from Oklahoma State University

Regional Universities.

Robin Jones from Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Denise Deason-Toyne from Northeastern State University

Community Colleges.

Pat Creech from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
John Wood from Rose State College

Independent Institutions.

No one identified

Other. The next FAC meeting will be Friday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the State Regents library Conference Room. The Annual FAC Report will be presented at the State Regents' December 3 meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.