

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 8, 2010

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2010, at the State Regents' office. Members present were Birne Binegar, Jean Van Delinder, Robin Jones, Mary Penick, Pat Creech (via telephone), Dana Glencross (via telephone), John Wood, and Beverly DeVries. Beverly DeVries presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the September 10, 2010 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Technology in Teaching and Learning. Dr. Phil Moss, Director of Educational Partnerships and Planning, MERLOT - Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching, described MERLOT's contribution to "open" materials. He demonstrated the following features: peer review using trained editorial boards, searching for materials, creating collections of materials for courses and adjuncts, creating communities that are branded, Affordable Learning Solutions that can identify textbook substitutes by ISBN, creating discussion groups, and other services that MERLOT can provide upon request. Dr. Moss offered to visit groups of faculty and invited faculty to serve on the peer review boards.

Discussion also included online teaching issues such as students taking their own tests and acquiring answers. Dr. Moss said that these same issues are found in traditional courses. Software is being developed to address these issues. For example, software for identifying plagiarism has been developed and widely used.

Workplan.

1. Concealed weapons on campus: John Wood offered to share research for other institutions to use as resolutions are considered; the FAC resolution was jointly approved by the Student Advisory Board; a more general version will be considered next year and institutional faculty will be encouraged to jointly develop resolutions with their students. The annual faculty survey will request information about which institutions have passed resolutions.
2. Student preparation for college: The ACT Course Placement Study was reviewed. A presentation on Governor's ACE Initiative will be provided by faculty serving on the ACE Steering Committee at a future meeting; legislation requiring four years of math in high school did not pass.
3. Textbook costs: FAC members who participated in panel discussion at March 5 conference in Tulsa described the events; discussion included the complexity of the issues, increasing use of electronic texts, costs structures, revenue models, offering student options, standardizing texts by course, IRS taxing publishers on unused texts, sharing cost saving tips, Text2Trade, and other software; recent articles were distributed; learned about "open" materials and textbook substitutes; and distributed the textbook discussion paper to the Council on Instruction.

4. Communication with faculty state-wide: FAC members consulted with the State Regents Director of Communications on developing a communications plan; approved a new version of the website at www.okhighered.org/FAC; and are contacting faculty senate chairs at every institution.
5. Legislative input: The Chancellor's latest legislative update was reviewed; and discussed the importance of sharing with other faculty. Chancellor will be invited to meeting in January to provide update for coming year.
6. Integrity of online courses: Learned about MERLOT - Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching that has been purchased by the State Regents and discussed the issues of students taking own exams and acquiring answers.
7. Concurrent enrollment: The dual enrollment legislation and policy on concurrent enrollment was discussed in May. The national common core standards will be presented at future meeting.
8. Adjunct faculty: The annual faculty survey will request information about trends in number of adjunct faculty.

Faculty Assembly. On Saturday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Beth Jeffries, Program Director for the PTSD Clinical Team, Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, will present. The surveys will be distributed to each institution and results reviewed prior to the Assembly.

Next Meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Library Conference Room of the State Regents' Office. The Faculty Assembly is on **November 20 at 10:00 a.m.** The following meeting will be on **Friday, January 14, at 3:00 p.m.**

Other. Debra Stuart reported that the new website has been updated and a screen shot will be distributed to each FAC member to pass along to others at his/her institution and other institutions.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.