

**FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 10, 2010**

**Call to Order.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2010, at the State Regents' office. Members present were Birne Binegar, Frans Currier, Jean Van Delinder, David Hartmann, Robin Jones, Pat Creech, Dana Glencross, John Wood, and Beverly DeVries. John Wood presided. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

**Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference.** David Harting, State Regents' Assistant Counsel, distributed invitations to the conference on October 12 at the University of Oklahoma.

**Minutes from last meeting.** The minutes of the May 14, 2010 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

**Review of updated textbook discussion paper.** Dr. Erin Taylor, State Regents' Coordinator, Academic Affairs Projects, distributed the latest draft of the textbook discussion paper. Discussion included making this paper available to other faculty and advisory groups and conducting a survey of all textbook cost saving practices in Oklahoma.

**Review of new FAC website.** The new, improved FAC website was viewed and approved. As FAC members contact the faculty leadership at other institutions, they will pass along a screen shot of the website.

**ACT course placement study.** Debra Stuart described the ACT Course Placement Study that was last conducted in 2003. The recommended ACT subject cut scores were discussed as well the future use of end-of-instruction tests now used for high school graduation. Results of a more recent study will be shared when completed.

**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. On 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 at a fall 2010 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; and recent articles were distributed; presentation of Text2Trade will be scheduled for October or November FAC meeting or the Faculty Assembly.

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](http://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 December or January to provide update for coming year.
6. Integrity of online courses: A presentation/materials will be discussed at October meeting.
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: On the annual faculty survey, will request information about trends in number of adjunct faculty.

**Election of chairman for October-December.** Beverly DeVries was elected.

**Faculty Assembly.** Last year's surveyed was reviewed. All questions will be retained and one issue will be added from comments collected last year on transferring students. The Faculty Assembly will be held on November 20 at 10:00 a.m. with an invited speaker on returning veterans.

**Next Meetings.** The next meetings will be held on October 8 at 3:00 p.m. and on November 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library Conference Room of the State Regents' Office

**Other.** Debra Stuart reported that the Student Advisory Board is interested in meeting with the FAC on online teaching and textbook costs.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.