

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 14, 2011**

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2011 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Georgia Kosmopoulou, Jean Van Delinder (phone), Stephen Eddy, Deborah Lockwood, J.C. Casey, Robin Jones, Luis Montes, Pat Creech (phone), Bud Sandefur, and Mary Ann Stevens. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. J.C. Casey presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the September 2011 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Services for Adult Students. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented on work with The Council for Adult & Experiential Learning (CAEL) and the State Regents' Reach Higher program designed for adult degree completion. She described CAEL services used in Oklahoma: Learning Counts.org (online portfolio), Adult Learner Friendly Institutions (ALFI), and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). Discussion also included how to assist adult students in developing documentation for PLA, veteran services, and reasons these students drop out and return to college. A faculty member at East Central University has developed a course that students at any institution may take to learn how to develop their portfolios: Dr. Shirley Mixon, Professor of Business Administration & Director of the Reach Higher Program (smixon@ecok.edu or 580.559.5279).

Discussion of 2011 work plan topics.

1. keep weapons away from campus: FAC members supplied current faculty resolutions regarding weapons on campus and are working with presidents to oppose legislation
2. increase student success through high school preparation, retention and transfer: FAC learned about the nationally adopted Common Core State Standards, reviewed college retention data, and will learn about GEAR UP
3. establish educational priorities to be funded as appropriations change
4. study effectiveness of federal and state financial aid programs: FAC learned about Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program
5. improve effectiveness of adjunct faculty: FAC will learn about the National Center for Academic Transformation
6. reduce student textbook costs: Text2Trade is available to institutions via OneNet; FAC members are reporting issues about its use on campus
7. improve awareness and services for student groups, such as veterans and returning adults: OSU-OKC opened a new veteran center; a presentation on the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning is planned
8. raise awareness of pension plans, including funding for OTRS: received update from Executive Director and recommend that all institutions sponsor retirement workshops
9. improve security on campus: received update on the Campus Life and Safety and Security (CLASS) Task Force

Faculty Assembly planning. The Faculty Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, at 10:00 am in the State Regents office. Chancellor will present the state of Oklahoma higher education. Chair J.C. Casey will present the FAC workplan and new members will be nominated : 1 from OU, 1 from OSU, 2 from regional universities, 2 from community colleges (1 urban and 1 rural), and 1 from an independent institution.

Next Meetings. The next FAC meetings are Saturday, November 12, at 9:00 am and Friday, December 9, at 3:00 pm in the State Regents office.

Other. Availability of online resources to students at home, date of the next Higher Education Legal Issues Conference, and accounting for frequent flyer awards were discussed.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.