

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 25, 2011**

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2011 at the State Regents' office. Members present were LeRoy Blank, Deborah Lockwood, J.C. Casey, Robin Jones, Luis Montes, Pat Creech, Rene Hurst, Bud Sandefur, John Wood, and Dany Doughan. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the January 2010 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Oklahoma Higher Education Update. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson distributed the latest legislative update. He described the increases in enrollment and degree production in the State System, the expected 3% cut in higher education appropriations, the tax decrease that will automatically occur, and institutional savings generated through efficiencies. He discussed bills related to tuition authority, endowed chairs five-year plan, weapons on campus, Oklahoma's Promise, consolidation of IT services, concurrent enrollment of high school students, employment rates, remediation and the underfunding of OTRS.

Discussion of 2011 work plan topics.

1. keep weapons away from campus: FAC members will supply current faculty resolutions regarding weapons on campus and work with presidents to oppose legislation
2. increase student success through high school preparation, retention and transfer: FAC will learn about the nationally adopted Common Core State Standards and review college retention data
3. establish educational priorities to be funded when appropriations increase
4. study effectiveness of federal and state financial aid programs
5. improve effectiveness of adjunct faculty
6. reduce student textbook costs: Text2Trade will be available to institutions via OneNet, FAC members will collect information about its use on campus
7. improve awareness and services for students groups, such as veterans and returning adults
8. raise awareness of pension plans, including funding for OTRS
9. improve security on campus

Contacts with faculty at all institutions. An updated listing will be distributed to FAC members to collect their input.

Next Meeting. March 25 at 3:00 in the State Regents office.

Other.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.