

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 29, 2011

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2011 at the State Regents' office. Members present were LeRoy Blank, Jean Van Delinder, W. Stephen Eddy, Deborah Lockwood, Luis Montes, Rene Hurst, Bud Sandefur, John Wood, and Dany Doughan. Also present were Georgia Kosmopoulou, who will be replacing LeRoy Blank, and Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff.

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

Presentation on Campus Life and Safety and Security (CLASS) Task Force. Ben Hardcastle, State Regents, Executive Director of Communications for the State Regents, distributed the annual reports of this group that was convened after the tragedy at Virginia Tech by executive order of Governor Henry. Governor Fallin is considering a request to continue the task force. Hardcastle listed the following issues included in the annual reports: mandating NIMS training at all state system institutions, mental health counseling, campus security and keeping training and systems current. Discussion included requirements among institutions and status of gun bills.

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 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 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 for October
8. raise awareness of pension plans, including funding for OTRS
9. improve security on campus

Joint meeting with Student Advisory Board (SAB). Luis Montes reported on the meeting with the SAB held on Sunday, March 27th. Discussion included funding for research, the CLASS recommendations, tobacco use on campuses, and academic advising. The SAB proposed a joint resolution for the improvement of academic advising. The FAC voted to approve the resolution which will be presented to the State Regents on May 27th.

Tuition Hearing. LeRoy Blank reported on the hearing held on April 20th. His testimony was based on that sent to FAC members in advance and included all comments. Discussion included the observation that the hearing should reflect that tuition and fees are subject to change.

Contacts with faculty at all institutions. A list will be distributed at the next meeting to be updated.

Next Meeting. May 26 at 1:00 pm in the State Regents office

Other. A presentation on the state system funding formula is scheduled for the September meeting. Also, everyone wished LeRoy Blank a very happy retirement.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.