

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
Research Park, Oklahoma City

**FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
September 16, 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, Stephen Eddy, Deborah Lockwood, J.C. Casey, Denise Deason-Toyne, Robin Jones, Luis Montes, Pat Creech, Rene Hurst, John Wood, Bud Sandefur, Dany Doughan and Wendell Sutton. Also present was Mary Ann Stevens, replacement for Dany Doughan, and Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Dany Doughan presided.

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

**Effectiveness of Oklahoma' Promise.** Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, provided a report on the status of this scholarship and the students compared to other groups. Dedicated funding for the scholarship has been in place from the legislature since 2007 to address the need for more bachelor's degree in Oklahoma and to make college more accessible through a combination of need and merit. He shared the latest report showing success of the students and discussed the issues that the legislature has raised to change the requirements. Discussion included number of students participating, completion rates, and fees in addition to tuition.

**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 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
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

**Contacts with faculty at all institutions.** FAC supplied updates to the list of contacts.

**Faculty Assembly planning.** The survey of faculty issues was discussed. It will be change from a rating to ranking of the top 10 issues. FAC will send proposed revisions to items by September 30, so that the survey can be distributed and returned during October. Results will be distributed to FAC prior to the November 12<sup>th</sup> Faculty Assembly.

**Election of chairman for October 2011 through December 2011.** J.C Casey from University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma was elected as chairwoman.

**Next Meeting.** The next FAC meetings are Friday, October 14, at 3:00 pm; Saturday, November 12, at 9:00 am; and Friday, December 9, at 3:00 pm in the State Regents office.

**Other.** Dany Doughan announced his resignation from the FAC because he has accepted an administrative appointment at St. Gregory's University. Faculty role in presidential searches was discussed.

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