

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2012—3:00 p.m.

Chair Luis Montes, Presiding

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Georgia Kosmopoulou, Deborah Lockwood, Stephen Eddy, John Veenstra (phone), J.C. Casey, Luis Montes, Abbas Johari (phone), Steven Maier (phone), Bud Sandefur (phone), René Hurst, Aaron Elmer, Chris Verschage (phone) and Timothy Norton. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Luis Montes presided.

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

Legislative Update. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, presented a list of bills related to higher education. As the review of bills filed continues, more are expected to be added to the list. Discussion included bills that take away tuition-setting authority from the State Regents, transfer OneNet to the state CIO, and elimination of tenure and multi-year contracts.

Higher Education Day on February 21. Luis led a discussion about possible faculty involvement in Higher Education Day. It was reported by most members that Presidents intend to take students to request funding to cover mandatory costs, maintenance, endowed chairs and scholarships. If the opportunity is available, FAC members will inform Presidents and legislators that improving student preparation is a priority.

Discussion of 2011 work plan topics.

1. Preparation of high school students for college;
2. Preparation of transfer students from technology centers, online programs and from community colleges to universities: a speaker to describe online activity in Oklahoma at February meeting;
3. Improvement of developmental education and gateway courses;
4. Impact of faculty salaries on recruitment and retention;
5. Impact of health insurance and retirement benefits on recruitment and retention: proposed changes at institutions were discussed and suggested that members talk to business officer; and
6. Promoting of higher education in the legislature.

Next meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, at 3:00 p.m. Participation by telephone or video is available upon request.

Other. Luis will attend the Student Advisory Board on January 29 to discuss common issues.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.