

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 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 Deborah Lockwood, Stephen Eddy (phone), John Veenstra, Luis Montes, René Hurst, Aaron Elmer and Timothy Norton. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Luis Montes presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the January 2012 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Online Courses. Gina Wekke, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented on the status of online programs and courses in Oklahoma. As of 2009-2010, the Oklahoma public institutions offered 175 online programs in which there were 27,750 enrollments. Institutions offering online programs seek approval from the State Regents and meet Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation requirements. These programs are reviewed under the Program Review Policy. Oklahoma institutions list electronically delivered courses with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Electronic Campus upon approval of the State Regents' staff. The most recent Higher Education Act (HEA) reauthorization requires institutions to be recognized in all states from which students are registered for their courses. This regulation requires registration and paying any applicable fees in other states.

Student Advisory Board. Luis Montes attended the Student Advisory Board meeting held on Sunday, January 29. He reported that the students are interested in the post-tenure review bill (HB 2599) to insure that faculty members are reviewed annually. They support SB 1819 that would require institutions to report employment possibilities and debt loads to students. Also, they continue to have concerns about the quality of academic advising. There were no suggestions for joint resolutions at this time.

Discussion of 2011 work plan topics.

1. Preparation of high school students for college: FAC will be briefed on the new K-12 standards and connection to higher education preparation;
2. Preparation of transfer students from technology centers, online programs and from community colleges to universities: The FAC received a description of online activity in Oklahoma and the review processes;
3. Improvement of developmental education and gateway courses: FAC will be updated on the status of the Complete College America initiative;
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, **March 7**, at 3:00 p.m. Participation by telephone or video is available upon request.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.