

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2012—3:00 p.m.

Chair Luis Montes, Presiding

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Stephen Eddy, John Veenstra (phone), Luis Montes, Abbas Johari (phone), Bud Sandefur (phone), 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 February 2012 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Student Preparation. Dr. Tamara Carter, Director of the Mathematics Department at Oklahoma City Community College, and Dr. Matt Hollrah, Director of First-Year Composition and Assistant Professor of English at the University of Central Oklahoma provided an update on the K-12 standards in Mathematics and English. Discussion included the significance of internationally benchmarked standards, how other disciplines may be impacted, how the PARCC assessments may be used for course placement, impact on college courses as students come better prepared, and how college/high school curricula may be better aligned with transitional courses.

Annual Tuition Hearing. Topics were considered for the statement to be presented by Luis Montes. He will distribute a draft prior to the April meeting.

Possible Student Advisory Board (SAB) joint resolutions. The students are considering topics and will bring them to the FAC for consideration at the April meeting.

Discussion of 2012 work plan topics.

1. Preparation of high school students for college: FAC was updated on the new K-12 standards based on the Common Core State Standards adopted by most states;
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; FAC will review faculty trends;
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: "bring a legislator to work" was suggested during the fall semester.

Election of chairman for April-June 2012. Aaron Elmer has agreed to serve.

Next meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, **April 11**, at 3:00 p.m. Participation by telephone or video is available upon request.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.