

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to Order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Deborah Lockwood, Stephen Eddy, John Veenstra, J.C. Casey, Abbas Johari, Rene Hurst (phone), Aaron Elmer and Timothy Norton (phone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Aaron Elmer presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the May 2012 FAC meeting were approved as revised.

Report on "Strategies for Enhancing the Success of Online and Military Students." Rene Hurst will present at the October meeting.

Feedback on Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

Debra Stuart provided a summary of a proposal for using the high school assessments for placement into college-level math and English courses. The consensus of the council members present was that the cut scores should be tied to levels 4 and 5 of the 5-point scale and predictive of 75% of the students earning a grade of C or higher in the college course. The entry-level math courses would be those such as College Algebra, Introductory Statistics and General/Liberal Arts math, not higher level courses such as Calculus.

Update on Complete College America (CCA). Debra Stuart briefly described the 5 Oklahoma initiatives: (1) collaborate with K-12 to reduce the need for remediation, (2) transform remediation, (3) identify and promote certificates, (4) expand adult degree completion (Reach Higher), and (5) reform performance funding. The State Regents are involved in implementing the Common Core State Standards with PARCC, 12th grade transitional courses, an ACT research consortium, and a Math Faculty Conference.

Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference on October 9 at OU. A brochure for this bi-annual conference was distributed. It was suggested that the speakers be available following their sessions for additional discussion.

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, the Complete College America (CCA) projects, and innovation on campuses such as improvement in freshman orientation;
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 was updated on the status of the Complete College America (CCA) projects including the April State System Summit on Remedial Reform -and MSC described developing remedial science course;
4. Impact of faculty salaries on recruitment and retention; FAC reviewed faculty trends and salaries and discussed factors observed on campus;
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" during the fall semester was suggested and is being considered at UCO and MSC.

Election of chairman for October-December. Deborah Lockwood was elected as the next chairman.

Next meeting. The following meeting dates were selected:

- Wednesday, October 17, at 2:30 pm (regular FAC meeting)
- Saturday, November 3, at 9:00 am (regular FAC meeting)
- Saturday, November 3, at 10:00 am (Annual Faculty Assembly)
- Wednesday, December 5, at 2:30 pm (regular FAC meeting)

Other. The Student Advisory Board has invited to FAC to meet jointly on Sunday, December 2, at 1:00 pm in Room 312 of the Nigh University Center, UCO.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.