

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Georgia Kosmopoulou, John Veenstra, Kari Boyce, Abbas Johari (phone), Steve Maier, Jim Ford (phone), James Mock, Aaron Elmer, Craig Dawkins, Don Stinson, Timothy Norton, and Ram Mohan. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Steve Maier presided.

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

Introduction of new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Blake Sonobe introduced himself as the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The discussion included the State Regents' Online Task Force, Cooperative Alliances, course descriptions and videotaped lectures as intellectual property.

Presentation of IT services. Von Royal, Chief Information Officer for Higher Education and Executive Director for OneNet, described the role of the Council on Information Technology (COIT), services provided by OneNet, and the legislation to consolidate IT services throughout the state. Discussion of IT issues at the institutions included authority, organization and control of IT personnel and budgets; staffing shortages; training for IT staff and faculty; security concerns; and use of State Regents staff to supplement institutional services. FAC members will collect suggested topics of discussion for the COIT to promote sharing of best practices.

Discussion of 2013 work plan topics. The following topics were selected for the 2013 work plan:

1. Improve services for current military, veterans and family members including use of prior learning assessment: Discussion topics include offering services on campus, dealing with PTSD, and contributing to the State Regents ongoing efforts.
2. Identify and share best practices for IT services and support for faculty: FAC will work with the COIT to promote the sharing of best practices.
3. Clarify faculty issues and benefits including work load, adjuncts, salaries, retirement, and health insurance: Discussion includes the collecting of examples of changes in workload policies or practices and impact of changes in health care options on adjunct contracts.
4. Improve college graduation rates including use of on-line courses and reducing textbook costs: FAC will monitor and contribute to the work of the State Regents Online Task Force.
5. Improve preparation for higher education of all students including those direct from high school, adults, transfers, and lower division students in areas including math, reading, writing, listening, and financial literacy.

Future meetings.

- Sunday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m. meet with the Student Advisory Board in Room 312 of the Nigh University Center, UCO
- Wednesday, February 20, at 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13, at 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 17, at 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. Annual State Regents Tuition Hearing
- Wednesday, May 22, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.