

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at the State Regents' office. Members present were John Veenstra, Kari Boyce, Warren Finn (phone), Abbas Johari (phone), Steve Maier, James Mock, Aaron Elmer, Al Heitkamper, Craig Dawkins, Don Stinson, and Ram Mohan. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Steve Maier presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the January 2013 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Needs of veterans. Dr. Beth Jeffries, Lead Psychologist/PCT Supervisor at Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, presented information about needs of students who are or have served in the military. Her PowerPoint slides were later distributed to the FAC. Discussion included a grant for academic liaisons between VA and institutions, symptoms of PTSD, identifying these students in class, and types of support.

Student Advisory Board meeting. James Mock reported on presenting the FAC Work Plan to the Student Advisory Board at their January meeting. The students were encouraged to discuss issues of mutual importance. They requested information about faculty compensation.

Annual Tuition Hearing. Steve Maier will represent the FAC with remarks. He will draft a statement based on last year's and distribute to other members for comments. Tuition and fee information was distributed.

Legislative update. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, reviewed the Chancellor's latest weekly update. More bills are expected to not move forward after the next deadline.

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, some issues have been shared with them; a panel of FAC members will present "I.T. Services & Support from a Faculty Perspective" at the Oklahoma Higher Education I.T. Summit on March 29th.
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.

- Wednesday, April 17, at 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. Annual Sate Regents Tuition Hearing
- Wednesday, May 22, at 3:00 p.m.

Other. Certificates signed by the Chancellor were distributed to new members.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.