

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Kari Boyce, Edgar O'Rear, Kenneth Bartels, James Mock, Michael Dunn, Craig Dawkins, Don Stinson (telephone), Julie Dinger-Blanton (telephone), and Ram Mohan. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Kari Boyce presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the September 2014 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Annual Salary Report. Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Information Technology, Telecommunications and OneNet, said that the information for this report is collected directly from the institutions and then compared to peer data. The report is used to submit information requested from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and as a reference for answering questions. The discussion included salary compression and availability of report electronically.

Summer Academies. Dr. Cindy Brown, Director of Student Preparation, presented slides and a handout showing the types of academies that are funded. She described the goals and purpose of these academies relate to developing diversity in college.

Annual Faculty Opinion Survey. The members reviewed response to date and discussed some of the comments submitted. Responses will be accepted until October 28th, then compiled for discussion at the Assembly.

Discussion of 2014 work plan topics.

1. Improve and identify best practices for general education and college student competence in key areas such as financial literacy, computer proficiency, critical thinking and communicating: Discussion included a history of State Regents policy on general education requirements and the process for making changes in policy or at the institution.
2. Explore faculty workload impact on academic efficiency: Existing national and Oklahoma information was reviewed and discussion included a need for tracking adjunct numbers, comparing among institutions and sharing best practices.
3. Improve retention of college students and identify best practices in career advisement, student motivation, program changes, faculty development and enrollment management: Learned about best practices from practitioners. Received update on the status of Summer Academies.
4. Improve success of transfer students and identify best practices in efforts such as course equivalency, articulation, curriculum alignment, outcome assessments and feedback reports: Learned about issues that impact transfer students and examined some data.

5. Explore success of concurrent students especially in online courses: Discussion included a review of the TCC EXELerate pilot program to reach more students.
6. Support and provide advice on current State Regents initiatives including Complete College America and the Online Education Task Force. Received updates on Complete College America progress and discussions in the Online Task Force.

Future meetings.

Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am

Saturday, November 1, 10:00 am—Annual Faculty Assembly

Tuesday, December 16, 3:00 pm

Other. Discussed possible topics for Chancellor to address at the Assembly.

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