

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, April 29, 2014 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Kari Boyce, Edgar O'Rear, Kenneth Bartels, Jim Ford (telephone), James Mock, Michael Dunn, Fred Gates, Craig Dawkins, Julie Dinger-Blanton, Al Heitkamper, and Ram Mohan (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. James Mock presided.

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

Explore success of concurrent students. Dr. Ric Baser, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tulsa Community College, presented on the success of EXELerate, an expanded program for concurrent students. Discussion included addressing the barriers of cost and admission standards, student workload, and faculty availability. Initial findings are that students from under-represented groups can be successful. Copies of the slide presentation and full report will be distributed.

Faculty workload information. Debra Stuart described three reports produced from institutional data submitted to the State Regents Unitized Data System. (UDS). Based on discussion, these will be revised for the next meeting. Comparisons were made to the annual *Salaries in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education* report which is collected directly from the institutions and includes only full-time faculty.

Improving success of transfer students. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, will provide this information at the May meeting..

Annual Tuition Hearing. Mike Dunn reported that the State Regents appreciated the FAC's message. Many students from UCO said that they understood the need for tuition increases.

Student Advisory Board. Craig Dawkins reported on his report of faculty issues at the SAB April meeting. Debra Stuart distributed their draft report to be delivered the State Regents in May. They agree that students should be financially literate.

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: review existing information.
3. Improve retention of college students and identify best practices in career advisement, student motivation, program changes, faculty development and enrollment management: Learn from practitioners.

4. Improve success of transfer students and identify best practices in efforts such as course equivalency, articulation, curriculum alignment, outcome assessments and feedback reports.
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.

Future meeting.

- Tuesday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m.

Other. With all but one member casting a vote, the resolution regarding weapons on campus has been approved.

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