

## FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

**Call to order.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Kari Boyce, Edgar O' Rear, Kenneth Bartels, Marie Hanigan, Michael Dunn, Jason Prather (telephone), Al Heitkamper, Rayshell Clapper (telephone), Larry Robinson (telephone) and Kirk Jackson (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Edgar O' Rear presided.

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

**Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science.** Tiffany Neill, Director of Science Education at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, presented the Pre-K through 12 science standards adopted in: [http://prezi.com/awuuyne8mevw/?utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_medium=copy](http://prezi.com/awuuyne8mevw/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy). She described the history of the science standards and the development process including the writing team, use of the national standards, draft team feedback, and public comment period. Discussion included textbook adoption, alignment and comparison with other states, assess, technology, and current reception. The Oklahoma science standards are available at <http://www.ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/Oklahoma%20Academic%20Standards%20for%20Science%20914.pdf>. The Next Generation Science Standards that also were discussed are at: <http://www.nextgenscience.org/next-generation-science-standards>.

**Approval of 2015 work plan topics and discussion of priorities.** The following topics were approved and discussed:

To improve understanding of (a) the diverse work responsibilities of faculty across the State of Oklahoma and (b) the impact that policy and funding have on students, faculty and staff in their roles related to teaching/learning, advising/mentoring, research/scholarship and institutional, professional and community service.

1. *Enhance public understanding of faculty work load, market value of salaries and instructional costs. Describe faculty work load by institutional mission and responsibilities such as teaching, advising, service, and research. Provide information on cost of instruction and economic impact. Expand use of Salaries in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education annual report. Develop communications for distribution.* Discussion included how responsibilities vary based on institutional mission and discipline and investigating whether videos exist.
2. *Expand communication with all faculty. Share information that comes to the Faculty Advisory Council. Develop communication strategy that reaches all institutions.* Discussion included ways to link FAC website to that of the institutions.
3. *Improve student preparation for college and services for college students including veterans. Learn more about the current K-12 standards and the process for developing new standards.* Discussion included the new science standards. The concern about preparation of students for college, often expressed in the annual faculty survey, led to a focus on retention. A

suggestion was made to look at retention, possibly sharing information among institutions. Other future topics will cover how school counseling impacts choice of major, issues related to transition from high school, and how graduate and professional programs differ.

4. *Support and provide advice on current State Regents initiatives including Complete College America, Online Education Task Force, Campus Safety and Security Task Force, and legislation.*

**Resolution regarding guns on campus.** A resolution will be discussed at the February meeting after legislation has been finalized. Any resolution will support the resolution approved by the Student Advisory Board that was submitted for FAC review.

**Future meeting dates and time.**

- Higher Education Day, February 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm at Capitol
- Tuesday, February 17, at 3:00 pm in State Regents office
- Tuesday, March 10, at 3:00 pm in State Regents office
- Tuesday, April 14, at 3:00 pm in State Regents office
- Tuesday, May 12, at 3:00 pm in State Regents office

**Other.** Certificates were distributed to new members.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.