

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 Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Edgar O'Rear, Marie Hanigan (telephone), Jarrad Wagner (telephone), Michael Dunn, Fred Gates (telephone), Ginnett Rollins, and Rayshell Clapper (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Michael Dunn presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the September 2015 FAC meeting were approved.

Review of data collected from the Annual Faculty Opinion Survey. Michael Dunn led a discussion of the survey results and identified the following a potential work plan items: (1) Quality of learning including teaching loads and scholarship, (2) Preparation of recent high schools graduates in math, writing, listening and reading including new English and math standards, (3) Campus security and safety including prohibition of weapons on campus, (4) Faculty having a greater voice at the Capitol, and (5) College success including graduation rates and performance funding.

Review of Annual Faculty Advisory Council Report. The draft report was approved to present at the Annual Faculty Assembly and to the State Regents at the December 3rd meeting.

Preparation for the Annual Faculty Assembly. Blake Sonobe will present the State of Oklahoma Higher Education. Debra Stuart will distribute another reminder of the meeting.

Discussion of 2015 work plan topics.

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.
2. Expand communication with all faculty. Share information that comes to the Faculty Advisory Council. Develop communication strategy that reaches all 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.

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.

Future meeting dates.

Saturday, November 14, at 9:00 am

Saturday, November 14, at 10:00 am-- Annual Faculty Assembly

Tuesday, December 8, at 3:00 pm

Other. Jarrod Cordova from the State Regents Strategic Planning Division led a discussion of faculty workload issues including defining adjunct faculty and class size.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.