

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, March 10, 2015 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Edgar O'Rear, Kenneth Bartels, Marie Hanigan, Fred Gates (telephone), Jason Prather (telephone), Pamela Louderback (telephone), Julie Dinger (telephone), Rayshell Clapper (telephone), and Larry Robinson (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Edgar O'Rear presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the February 2015 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Retention of college students. Stu Harvey, Executive Director of Planning and Research at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC), and Dr. Margery A. Kingsley, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs in the Office of Teaching and Learning at Cameron University (CU), described how retention information is used at their respective institutions. OCCC has focused on access and success in developmental math and online courses, next will be reading. Some of the issues relating to for community colleges are that enrollment is impacted by employment rates, students "swirl," College Algebra is not the appropriate math requirement for all majors, and nursing programs always have a waitlist. CU has found no major gaps in student success among groups. It has moved to more centralized services, a math co-requisite model, and studying data in the top 30 courses. They are measuring non-academic student characteristics and assisting students experiencing stress.

Final Exam Policies. Final exam policies at Oklahoma institutions of higher education were discussed and the State Regents policy was noted that "Those institutions which reserve the final week of the semester as a testing period shall ensure that all classes meet during the testing period."

Tuition Hearing. Ken Bartels volunteered to deliver remarks on behalf of the FAC. He will distribute a draft via email for comment.

Student Advisory Board. Ed O'Rear reported on meeting with the SAB regarding the FAC work plan and specifically discussed student preparation and retention, K-12 science standards, gun resolution, and academic advising.

Discussion of 2015 work plan topics and discussion of priorities.

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.* The concern about preparation of students for college, often expressed in the annual faculty survey, led to a focus on retention. The FAC learned about the development of the K-12 Oklahoma science standards and how retention information is used at research universities, regional universities, and community colleges. 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.*

Future meeting dates and time.

Tuition Hearing, Thursday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the 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. A resolution regarding support for campus diversity will be considered at the next meeting.

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