

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2015 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Jarrad Wagner, Michele Splinter, Tassie Hirschfeld, Nick Materer, Jason Prather, Pamela Louderback (telephone), Russell Guthrie (telephone), Elicia Pollard, Rayshell Clapper, René Hurst, Ginnett Rollins, and Freeman Culver (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Jarrad Wagner presided.

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

Presentation on State Regents Online Education Task Force. José Del Cruz, Jr., Senior Coordinator for Academic Affairs Projects described the origin of the task force as an interest in MOOCs, then two committees studied policy issues and an E-Core curriculum. Currently, three working groups advised by Next Thought are developing recommendations on Affordable Content, Learning Technology, and Professional Development. More information will be provided to the FAC on each of these as well as the final report when available. Discussion included OERs (Open Educational Resources), LMS's (Learning Management Systems), Quality Matters for evaluating online courses, ensuring academic integrity, and ownership of content.

Presentation on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Daniel Archer, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided slides describing the agreement and standards used to enable institutions to offer online programs in other states. The State Regents approve institutions to join SARA.

Discussion of 2016 work plan topics. Jarrad Wagner led a discussion of the following topics:

1. Quality of learning including teaching loads and scholarship was discussed in connection with the State Regents Online Education Task Force and SARA;
2. Preparation of recent high schools graduates in math, writing, listening and reading including new English and math standards will be reviewed after they are approved by the State Board of Education;
3. Campus security and safety including prohibition of weapons on campus will discussed in connection with the State Regents Campus and Security Task Force;
4. Faculty having a greater voice at the Capitol will be discussed with the legislative liaisons;
5. College success including graduation rates and performance funding will be discussed when reviewing the new K-12 standards and institution reforms; and
6. Communications with faculty at all institutions will be discussed in conjunction with a review of the annual faculty survey instrument.

Future meeting dates and time. The next meetings will be held on the following dates:

February 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the State Regents office
February 16 is Higher Education Day at the Capital
March 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the State Regents office
April 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the State Regents office

Other. Debra Stuart distributed the current membership list.

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