

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Jarrad Wagner, Michele Splinter, Tassie Hirschfeld, Nick Materer, Pamela Louderback (telephone), Russell Guthrie, Elicia Pollard (telephone), Rayshell Clapper, René Hurst (telephone), Ginnett Rollins, and J.J. Compton. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Jarrad Wagner presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the February 2016 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

New Math and English School Standards. Dr. Stacy Reeder, Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum Department Chair and Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at the University of Oklahoma; and Dr. Matthew W. Hollrah, Associate Professor of English and English Department Chairperson at the University of Central Oklahoma described how the new proposed standards were developed and how they differ from the previous standards. Standards are available at <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/newstandards>. After approval by the State Regents as college-ready and the State Board of Education, they now await approval by the legislature. Next steps will involve development of assessments, professional development, curriculum and teaching resources.

Legislation. Hollye Hunt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Legislative Relations, described how the Chancellor's Legislative Network, which meets every other week, collectively supports higher education. Legislation is reviewed and tracked weekly. Issues that could benefit from faculty input will be brought to the FAC for comment or support.

Student Advisory Board (SAB). Jarrad Wagner and J.J. Compton reported on their presentation of the FAC work plan to the SAB. The students had some questions including how faculty responsibilities can include teaching, research and service. The students are open to future conversations with the FAC.

Revision of Annual Faculty Survey. This item will be addressed at the next meeting.

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 and the task force recommendations will be reviewed at the April meeting;
2. Preparation of recent high schools graduates in math, writing, listening and reading including new English and math standards were discussed with faculty who served as co-chairs of the writing committees and future meeting will include a focus on adult learners;
3. Campus security and safety including prohibition of weapons on campus were discussed in connection with a briefing on the State Regents Campus and Security Task Force;
4. Faculty having a greater voice at the Capitol learned how the legislative liaisons work and will consider resolutions on topics as needed;

5. College success including graduation rates and performance funding will be discussed at the May meeting; and
6. Communications with faculty at all institutions will be discussed in conjunction with a review of the annual faculty survey instrument.

Election of chairmen for April-June 2016, July-September 2016, and October-December 2016. Rayshell Clapper will serve as chair from April through September and Pamela Louderback, will serve from October through December.

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

April 5 at 3:00 p.m.

May 3 at 3:00 p.m.

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