

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Jarrad Wagner (telephone), Michele Splinter, Jason Prather (telephone) Pamela Louderback (telephone), Russell Guthrie (telephone), Elicia Pollard, Rayshell Clapper, René Hurst (telephone), Ginnett Rollins, and J.J. Compton. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Rayshell Clapper presided.

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

Online Education Task Force Recommendations. Daniel Archer, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, summarized the Task Force recommendations. The full report was distributed. Collaboration among faculty was emphasized and future work with a Center for Online Learning Excellence established by the State Regents. Discussion included quality of courses, ownership of content, and how to address legal issues. Daniel Archer is the contact person for implementation of the Task Force recommendations (darcher@osrhe.edu or 404-225-9142).

Tuition Hearing. Rayshell Clapper presented the remarks that were delivered last year on behalf of the FAC. She noted suggestions and will distribute a revised version for members to indicate their approval via email prior to the Annual Tuition Hearing.

Revision of Annual Faculty Survey. Tassie Hirschfeld will present a revised version for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion of 2016 work plan topics. Rayshell Clapper 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 recommendations and SARA;
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 a Fall 2016 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, performance funding and other success measures 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.

Future meeting dates and time. The May 3 meeting date was changed to April 26.

Other. Michele Splinter shared a communication from a faculty member in Canada who invited Oklahoma to join an effort to foster communication among faculty. Members agreed to discuss at a future meeting. Debra Stuart provided an update on the status of the K-12 Math and English standards.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.