

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, January 17, 2017 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Jarrad Wagner, Patsy Smith, Russell Guthrie (telephone), James Heflin, Mini Clark (telephone), Mary Gard (telephone), Robert Katz (telephone), J.J. Compton and Kirk Jackson. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Jarrad Wagner presided.

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

Veteran Student Services. Kyle Foster, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Initiatives at the State Regents, and Beki Miller, Director of Education and Training at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs presented.

Kyle Foster reported that there were 14,623 Oklahomans using GI Bill or other VA education benefits in 2014 and increase from 9,208 in 2010. The State Regents refer students to appropriate contact at an institution, non-profit organization, the Oklahoma Department of Veteran Administration (ODVA) or the US Department of Veteran Administration. The State Regents sponsor a Conference on Serving Military-Connected Students in Higher Education which provides professional development to people in higher education, CareerTech, and the community. In conjunction with ODVA and OK National Guard Military, the State Regents are organizing a vet and military college fair on March 23 at the OKNG Regional Training Institute. State Regents policy allows active duty military, dependents, and spouses to receive in-state tuition status after Oklahoma is the home of record for 30 days regardless of residency and are still considered in-state even if they move as long as they're continuously enrolled. Vets, spouses, or dependents receiving GI Bill benefits for up to 5 years after separation of service get in-state tuition regardless of residency.

Beki Miller presented on the ODVA which has seven state homes in Ardmore, Claremore, Clinton, Lawton, Norman, Sulphur and Talihina serving approximately 340,000 veterans, 79,000 of whom are 17 to 44 years old. She described their motivations for pursuing higher education, problems of barriers that hinder pursuit of education, and problems faced while pursuing education. Common issues faced by veterans in the classroom are fellow students not respecting the faculty, faculty making derogatory comments about foreign conflicts, and inability to relate to other students. She also discussed what faculty can do to assist veterans by understanding them and providing supports. FAC members may contact her at 2311 N. Central, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or (405) 523-4022 or bmiller@odva.state.ok.us.

Discussion of 2017 work plan topics. Jarrad Wagner led discussion of the work plan topics.

1. *Diversity on campus including gender equality, gender identity and religion* will be discussed with national experts regarding how to create an inclusive environment for students, faculty and staff;
2. *Environmental sustainability* will be discussed with experts from OSU, TCC and the Association for Sustainability in Higher Education;

3. *Veteran student services* were discussed at the January meeting with commitment to share this information with others on campus and post on the FAC website;
4. *Student preparedness related to non-cognitive factors such as coping strategies, resilience and lifestyle* will be discussed with experts from U!Shine, an Oklahoma non-profit that exists to shine a light on the issues of mental health within university communities, and OU's K-20 Center;
5. *Communication among faculty* will be discussed with the State Regents Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations.

Election of chairman for April-June 2017. J.J. Compton agreed to serve.

Future meeting dates and time.

- FAC Meeting--Thursday, February 16, at 3:00 pm
- Annual Tuition Hearing—Thursday, April 20, at 9:00 am

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.