

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Chuck Sanny (telephone), Nick Materer (telephone), Patsy Smith, Sarah Ellis, James Heflin (telephone), Mary Gard (telephone), and Kirk Jackson (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Patsy Smith presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the September 2017 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Diversity on Campus. Dr. Tia Brown McNair, Vice President, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success for the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U), provided the history and goals of AAC&U which includes the student-ready campus work that includes completion and quality, inclusion and exclusion, and diversity. She described available resources that address defining student ready for each campus, reviewing policies and finding data to identify current students and issues. These resources will be shared with the FAC members and she invited members to contact her at mcnair@aacu.org.

Review of data collected from the Annual Faculty Opinion Survey. The members reviewed the responses and will study more before the next meeting. Comments associated with each question will be provided in addition to the summaries and tier comparison.

Review of Annual Faculty Advisory Council Report. The report was approved as distributed. This will be presented to the State Regents at the December meeting.

Preparation for the Annual Faculty Assembly. Patsy Smith will chair the assembly. The agenda from last year will be used.

Discussion of 2017 work plan topics. Kirk Jackson led discussion of the work plan topics.

1. *Diversity on campus including gender equality, gender identity and religion regarding how to create an inclusive environment for students, faculty and staff* was discussed with the Vice President of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success at the Association of American Colleges & Universities;
2. *Sustainability* was discussed with the Executive Director of 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* learned about the Mathematics Success Initiative and the teacher shortage and preparation; will discuss with experts from OU's K20 Center for Educational and Community Renewal at the May meeting;
5. *Communication among faculty* was discussed with the State Regents Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations during the legislative session and will follow-up after the session.

Future meeting dates and time.

- November 18 for FAC meeting at 9:00 am
- November 18 for Annual Faculty Assembly at 10:00 am
- December 7 for the State Regents meeting at 9:00 am
- December 14 for FAC meeting at 3:00 pm

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.