

## **FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes**

**Call to order.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Nick Materer, Patsy Smith, Russell Guthrie (telephone), , James Heflin, Mini Clark, J.J. Compton and Kirk Jackson (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Elicia Pollard presided.

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

**Certificates for new members.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson presented certificates to the new members who attended in person and thanked for their service to the FAC.

**Presentation on Legislation.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson introduced Todd Pauley, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, and talked about the impact of last year's budget cut, progress on Complete College America goals, and the value of higher education to Oklahoma. Todd Pauley reviewed the status of the bills that are tracked in the Chancellor's weekly legislative update: gun bills, Oklahoma's Promise, tuition rates, and concurrent enrollment. Discussion included sources of state revenue and impact of budget cuts on campuses. The deadline for bills to pass out of committee is March 2. Todd will be invited back again during the legislation session.

**Presentation of Math Pathways Task Force Recommendations.** Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, presented the recommendations from the Math Pathways Task Force that were recently approved by the State Regents. A copy of the report is available at <http://www.okhighered.org/complete-college-america/math-pathways-tf-recs.pdf>. Discussion included how students who change majors might be impacted and if home schooled students will be as well prepared for the multiple math pathways.

**Discussion of 2017 work plan topics.** Elicia Pollard 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, OU's K-20 Center, and from teacher preparation;
5. *Communication among faculty* was discussed with the State Regents Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations.

**Discussion of Annual Tuition Hearing.** J.J. Compton who will be FAC Chair in April will present remarks at the State Regents Tuition Hearing on April 30 at 3:00. She will send a draft statement to FAC for comment.

**Future meeting dates and time.** The next FAC meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday, March 7, at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11, at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, May 2, at 3:00 pm

**Other.** Debra Stuart asked for FAC to attend the Student Advisory Board meeting on Sunday, February 26. Elicia Pollard, Nick Materer, and J.J. Compton will all try to attend.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.