

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2017 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Patsy Smith, Russell Guthrie (telephone), Elicia Pollard (telephone), James Heflin, Ginnett Rollins, Robert Katz (telephone), J.J. Compton, and Kirk Jackson (telephone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. J.J. Compton presided.

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

Presentation on Sustainability. Meghan Fay Zahniser, Executive Director for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), presented via videoconference on the purpose and scope of AASHE. Currently OU, OSU and TCC are members and the membership opportunities extend to all of their student, faculty and staff. The AASHE newsletter is free to anyone as well as some of the services listed in the online resource center. Institutions may participate in data collection through STARS which provides a checklist and rating compared to other institutions. New projects include creation of centers that offer workshops and on-campus solar development. The next annual meeting is October 15-18 in San Antonio. Meghan provided her email for further information: meghan@asashe.org.

Remarks for Tuition Hearing. J.J. Compton distributed a revised version of remarks which were approved by FAC members.

Consideration of a Resolution regarding Weapons on Campus. Rob Katz will draft a new resolution and members will be asked to approve via email in order to supply to Chancellor prior to the next meeting.

Discussion of 2017 work plan topics. J.J. Compton led discussion of the work plan topics.

1. *Diversity on campus including gender equality, gender identity and religion* will be discussed with national experts in Fall 2017 regarding how to create an inclusive environment for students, faculty and staff;
2. *Environmental 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.

Next meeting. May 2 at 3:00 pm with presentation from OU's K20 Center for Educational and Community Renewal

Other. Debra Stuart updated the FAC members on the student complaint that they received.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.