

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on March 8, 2018 at the State Regents' office. Members present were James Heflin, Jerry Dunn (remote), Tracey Gregg-Boothby, Timothy O'Neal (remote), Kirk Jackson (remote), Ray Dillman, Patsy Smith (remote), Mary Gard (remote), Carol Jones (remote), Charles Sanny (remote), Mindi Clark (remote), and Robin Robertson (remote). Also present was Debbie Blanke of the State Regents' staff. James Heflin presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the February 2018 FAC meeting were approved as distributed with correction of meeting attendance.

"Presentation by Chancellor Glen Johnson." Chancellor Johnson, Chancellor for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, presented the work and final recommendations of the Task Force on the Future of Higher Education. The handout documented the recommendations of the four subcommittees of the task force: 1) College Degree Completion and Workforce Development Initiatives; 2) Academic Program Innovations and Online Education; 3) System Structure; and 4) Fiscal Solutions, Efficiencies, Affordability, and Technology. Chancellor Johnson also mentioned the website that holds more information and the final report [<https://www.okhighered.org/future/>].

Discussion of 2018 work plan topics. Jim Heflin mentioned of the work plan topics that had been covered, but due to the time constraints, there was no further discussion on these topics.

1. *Components of institutional budgets* was discussed at the February meeting with Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance;
2. *Public school assessment and accountability* was discussed with Dr. Jeanene Barnett, Deputy Superintendent of Assessment & Accountability at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Final results of the new assessments will be available in August;
3. *Faculty engagement, morale and culture* speaker needs to be identified for the May meeting; and
4. *Grants and scholarships* will be discussed with Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants.

Future meeting dates. The next FAC meeting dates are as follows:

- April 5 at 3:00 pm—Presentation on Survey Results of Veterans by the Governor's Office;
- A doodle poll will be distributed so set the May meeting date at the convenience of the majority of the FAC.

Election of Chairmen. The council sought volunteers, and accepted the following for chairperson of the upcoming meetings:

- Chair for April – June: **Mindi Clark, NWOSU**
- Chair for July – September: **Carol Jones, OSU-Stillwater**

Other.

- Debbie Blanke mentioned that the Student Advisory Board (SAB) had suggested joint resolutions with the FAC regarding weapons on campus. Once a draft is received from the SAB, it will be forwarded to the FAC for review.
- Dr. Blanke also noted that in the task force recommendations on Academic Innovation, there were directives regarding “microcredentials” and “joint degree programs” that may be of interest to the FAC as policy work on these issues commences with the Council on Instruction in the Fall 2018 semester. She indicated she would keep the FAC updated on these discussions.
- The FAC had interest in an update on legislative issues for the current session, so Dr. Blanke volunteered to send FAC members the weekly update distributed by the Chancellor during session. FAC members were asked to coordinate with their institutional president in any advocacy work for any legislation.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.