

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 **April 5, 2018** at the State Regents' office. Members present were Mindi Clark, Jerry Dunn (remote), Tracey Gregg-Boothby, Timothy O'Neal (remote), Ray Dillman, Brandt Wiskur for Patsy Smith, Carol Jones (remote), Charles Sanny (remote), Dana Glencross, and Robin Robertson (remote). Also present was Debbie Blanke of the State Regents' staff. Mindi Clark presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the March 2018 FAC meeting were reviewed. Tracey Gregg-Boothby moved to approve the minutes, Ray Dillman seconded, and the motion passed.

Oklahoma Student Veterans Presentation by Ms. Rebecca Hobbes, Government and Policy Assistant, Office of Governor Mary Fallin. Ms. Hobbes presented data gathered from a statewide survey launched in September 2017 to better understand what obstacles or difficulties military and veteran students face when trying to access benefits or any other challenges in the college experience. There was discussion about the findings of the study, as well as some policy issues impacting veteran students, specifically prior learning assessments to provide college credit for military training. The group also discussed the transitional program (TAPS) that service men and women participate in when transitioning out of military service and how information on college opportunities and utilization of veteran educational benefits can be improved. The group also discussed the challenges in collecting data on veteran students at the institutional and state level. The group suggested working with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to collect data specific to veteran students graduating and going into Oklahoma's workforce. Further conversation on data availability with the State Regents' Unitized Data System (UDS) on this student population seems warranted.

OSRHE Online Task Force Discussion. Dr. Blanke presented information regarding the recommendations of the Online Task Force Working Group, which included ideas of centralizing the coordination of the activities recommended by the Online Task Force and Council for Online Learning Excellence. These activities included providing professional development in several areas, including online instruction, online teaching materials, and facilitating the development and implementation of open educational resources to reduce text book and learning material costs for students. The discussion also included ideas on funding models, specifically an institutional rate based on FTE or a flat rate per institution. The consensus of those in attendance was that the institutions would get out of either model what they put in. There was interest in regional activities that would reduce duplication and be more efficient for the system. There was concern that the impact of any model on small institutions could be difficult and that the consortium should be voluntary membership so institutions could determine the value in membership rather than a mandatory expense.

Discussion of 2018 work plan topics. Mindi Clark reviewed work plan topics that had been covered thus far:

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 a future meeting; and
4. *Grants and scholarships* will be discussed with Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants.

Future Meeting topics discussed:

1. *Prior Learning Assessments*
2. *UDS data collections in context of veteran students*
3. *Legislative Update*

Future meeting dates.

- A doodle poll will be distributed to set the May meeting date at the convenience of the majority of the FAC.

Election of Chairmen. The council was reminded of the chairpersons for the upcoming meetings and the need to elect chairpersons when we get closer to fall meetings:

- Chair for April – June: **Mindi Clark, NWOSU**
- Chair for July – September: **Carol Jones, OSU-Stillwater**
- **Pending elections for chairs for 1) October-December, and 2) January-March 2019**

Other. None

Adjournment. Ray Dillman moved to adjourn the meeting, Dana Glencross seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.