

2006 Annual Report

of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council is to communicate to the Chancellor and the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university faculty on those issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. In representing faculty, the Faculty Advisory Council shall attempt to accurately represent the positions of faculty and develop the best proposals and recommendations to the State Regents.

Creation. Seven representatives were nominated on June 26, 1990, by a statewide assembly of faculty convened by the Chancellor. The group held its first meeting on October 6, 1990, and bylaws drafted by the first Faculty Advisory Committee were approved by the State Regents on December 17, 1990. In June of 2002, the State Regents approved the Faculty Advisory Committee's name change to the Faculty Advisory Council. FAC members serve two-year terms. Two members represent the research tier (one from OU and one from OSU); two represent the regional tier; two represent the community colleges; and one represents the independent institutions.

2006 MEMBERS

Research Universities

Carol Moder, Oklahoma State University
Roy Knapp, University of Oklahoma

Regional Universities

Brett Elliott, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Yvonne Montgomery, Langston University (Oct. –Dec)
Martha Evans, Northwestern Oklahoma State University (Jan. –Sept.)

Community Colleges

Bruce Stewart, Murray State College
Russ Calhoun, Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City

Independent Colleges

Peggy Poteet, Southern Nazarene University

CHAIRMEN

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| January - March 2006 | Bruce Stewart |
| April - June 2006 | Brett Elliott |
| July - September 2006 | Roy Knapp |
| October - December 2006 | Russ Calhoun |

2006 WORKPLAN

In October 2005, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held in November 2005. The 2006 FAC members used this information to design a workplan that focused on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma.

In 2006, the following issues were in the FAC workplan:

- **Faculty recruitment and retention**
Issues, in addition to salaries, that impact the recruitment and retention of faculty
- **Faculty input into campus decision-making including budget and calendar issues**
Issues involving faculty in administrative areas with impact on academic outcomes
- **Student remediation**
Issues related to the preparation of high school and transfer students
- **Concurrent enrollment**
Issues related to the implementation of the concurrent enrollment policy
- **adjunct faculty**
Issues related to the hiring, retention and responsibilities of part-time faculty

ACTIVITIES

The FAC holds monthly meetings to discuss the workplan items and matters affecting all higher education institutions in Oklahoma. Copies of the minutes are on the FAC web site at <http://www.okhighered.org/fac>.

- Discussed course redesign and academic efficiency. Dr. Phil Moss, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, described the course redesigned project for ecology and math including the information on the State Regents website at <http://www.okhighered.org/admin-fac/academic-efficiencies/>. He also demonstrated the MERLOT project at <http://www.merlot.org/Home.po>. Discussion included rewards and incentives for faculty and how to more widely disseminate this information.
- Reviewed and discussed the Preliminary Enrollment Reports, Oklahoma High School Indicators Project-Remediation Rates, Annual Student Remediation Report, Tuition Impact Analysis Report and Salaries in the Oklahoma State System.
- Discussed the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Making Place Matter Project. Dr. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Administration, described the role of faculty in serving community and institutional interests.

Met with the Student Advisory Board to discuss development of joint resolutions teacher retention and adjunct/part-time faculty.

Participated in Higher Education Day at the state capitol.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

- Conducted Faculty Opinion Survey of faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities.
- Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 4, 2006 for discussion with faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities. Interim Chancellor Phil Moss presented legislative and academic issues.

STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS

- Delivered annual report and introduced incoming and outgoing member in December 2005.
- Presented Faculty views at the Tuition Hearing in April 2006.
- Presented a resolution to the State Regents in May 2006.

During the past year, Chancellor Paul Risser and Interim Chancellor Phil Moss worked in partnership with the FAC to serve the interests of higher education faculty and institutions of Oklahoma. Dr. Debra L. Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Administration, served as advisor and liaison.