

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Faculty Advisory Council to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education met at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2003, in the State Regents' Library Conference Room. Members present for the meeting were: Al Schwarzkopf, Hal Cauthron, Chuck Edgley, Jim Lambert, and Judy Colwell. Nancy Osborn participated by teleconference. Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order and presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved with corrections.
3. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Bryce Fair presented a report of the 2003 legislative session. Several of the State Regents' priorities were addressed by the legislature during the 2003 session. Mr. Fair discussed the recent legislation regarding undocumented immigrant students, academic efficiency issues, the legislation concerning a state lottery for education, and the tuition equalization grant for students attending independent institutions. Mr. Fair discussed the new policy for the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS), allowing new employees age 45 and older the option to enter the system. The policy also reduces the vesting period for all employees to five years. FAC will meet with OTRS officials in October.
4. **HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES.** Al Schwarzkopf suggested creating a list of questions to send to the representatives of the State Insurance Board who will meet with FAC in September. He mentioned concerns regarding insurance coverage during travel. FAC also expressed concerns regarding the reduction of dentists accepting Health Choice because of the payment schedule.
5. **COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS.**
 - a. Dr. Kermit McMurry discussed the Council on Student Affairs credit card survey. He noted that student loans make up the majority of student debt, according to the survey. He also noted that a majority of students indicated that they received their credit cards from pre-approved credit offers through the mail.
 - b. Dr. Kermit McMurry discussed the proposed academic integrity policy. The Council on Student Affairs discussed this proposed policy at their last meeting. Dr. McMurry indicated that the Council agreed to endorse the concept of an academic integrity policy statement. This policy would serve as a model for institutions who are considering drafting a similar policy. The Council discussed including an academic integrity policy in the student codes of conduct and noted challenges when trying to

obtain student signatures. FAC requested endorsement of the academic integrity policy by the Student Advisory Board.

6. **CAMPUS COMPACT.** Gina Wekke presented a report on activities of Oklahoma Campus Compact, a national membership organization designed to promote the community involvement of students. Oklahoma Campus Compact has developed a Service Learning Committee sponsored by the Council on Instruction to develop ideas for service learning projects and tools for measuring activities on campus. Ms. Wekke also presented a co-sponsorship opportunity for FAC. In August the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma will bring in author Paul Loeb to speak with faculty development coordinators about student participation in civic engagements. A brief introduction to service learning may be provided to the group during lunch before the program begins. Chairman Lambert suggested inviting institutional presidents or vice presidents to the program in August. Al Schwarzkopf expressed concerns that the program of service learning did not clearly state that the civic activities must further the academic mission of the course. Chairman Lambert requested additional information on the program with Mr. Loeb. FAC moved to vote via e-mail on the endorsement of the program after the additional information is reviewed.

7. **ACADEMIC EFFICIENCIES.**

- a. Dr. Phil Moss presented an update on the academic efficiencies initiative. He stated that he and Chancellor Risser have discussed input from the FAC, the Presidents' Council, and the Council on Instruction in order to create a framework for policy. One idea was to create a two-pronged study using a large area in general education that already has preparation issues along with a smaller, more specialized program to use as a pilot for the study. Dr. Moss noted that the Council on Instruction has created a subcommittee to discuss this issue. Al Schwarzkopf suggested choosing an area that the legislature already has an interest in to use as the specialized pilot program.

- b. Dr. Moss stated that the Council on Instruction received the academic integrity policy statement after their meeting in May. He indicated that the Council on Instruction also endorsed the concept of a statewide academic integrity policy and suggested that it be carried over to faculty and staff as well as students. FAC discussed the importance of faculty integrity as a model for students. Dr. Moss also indicated that the Council on Instruction was concerned with developing a procedure for gaining student signatures. The Council on Instruction will discuss this issue further before giving their official endorsement. FAC discussed possible ways of gaining student signatures.

- c. Al Schwarzkopf presented an update on the search for a Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. He stated that eighteen applications had been received by the search committee, which has already narrowed the field to seven. The committee plans to recommend several names to the Chancellor for consideration.

8. **WORKPLAN FOR 2003.** FAC discussed the following workplan issues.
 - a. Faculty Compensation Issues and Faculty Benefits.
 - b. Governance/Faculty Voice at Capitol.
 - c. Student Performance.
 - d. Technology.
9. **OTHER.** FAC discussed the higher education budget. The legislature appropriated \$83.3 million less to higher education than they had the year before. The goal of the State Regents was to keep institutional cuts below ten percent and still fund the increasing Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) scholarship awards.
10. **NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Faculty Advisory Council will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2003.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.