

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD
to the
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 27th, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.
University of Central Oklahoma, Nigh University Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Matthew Heggy, Vice Chair of the SAB, at 1:07 p.m. Debbie Terlip, Student Relations Liaison, confirmed that the meeting had been posted and filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Announcement of Quorum:

Members present: Thomas Schneider, Autumn Wiles, and Matthew Heggy.

Members absent: Andrew Bertolasio, Jessica Craig, and Jack Test

A quorum was not present.

Guest Present

Van Alston, Dr. Luis Montes, and Dr. Debra Stuart

Minutes of Previous Meetings

With insufficient members to meet quorum the minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) Issues

Dr. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, provided the SAB with numerous handouts that highlighted the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) work plan for the year and provided background information on its decision making. She pointed out that the annual evolution of the FAC was different from the SAB, as the FAC was reformed and developed its work plan in January of each year. All faculty are surveyed for issues. Dr. Montes, representing the FAC, briefly discussed the issue of weapons on campus and the legislative changes of the previous week that has removed these legislative issues. The SAB members also discussed last year's joint resolution with the FAC. The SAB and FAC also spoke at length about the rising costs of textbooks within the state and across the country. The SAB reviewed the different strategies that were being considered and employed by the colleges and universities across the state to cut direct textbook costs to students. Other issues on the FAC work plan are issues involving student success, the higher education funding process, and the effectiveness of adjunct faculty.

Autumn asked whether the FAC was looking at tobacco use on campus, and Dr. Montes said it had not been identified as an issue. Thomas mentioned the SAB interest in student academic advising. Dr. Stuart mentioned a national movement for community to limit student choices in order to get them to a degree sooner.

Update on OSGA and COSP

The SAB was informed that CJ Cavin, OSGA president, had resigned for personal reasons, and that the COSP would take up the issues of his succession and the appointment of a new Vice President at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Also, the SAB was reminded that the OSGA Spring Congress would be the 8th and 9th of April at OSU-Tulsa.

Discussion of Campus Visits and Research Topics

The board discussed campus visits and topics for research and recommendation. Autumn mentioned student financial aid, campus safety and emergency response, and tobacco use. Thomas mentioned campus safety and academic advising for students. Other possible issues for recommendations include textbook costs, tuition policy for members of the military, civic engagement, and research initiatives.

Autumn announced that she had visited Seminole State College, and that one issue of interest there was tobacco use on campus.

Determination of Agenda for Next Meeting

The next SAB meeting will be on April 17th, 2011 at the Nigh University Center at UCO. The SAB will discuss and vote on recommendations for the State Regents.