

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council 2011 Annual Report

Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) 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 recommendations to the State Regents.

Creation. In 1990, seven representatives were nominated and held its first meeting. Bylaws were drafted by the first Faculty Advisory Committee and approved by the State Regents on December 17, 1990. In June 2002, the State Regents approved the Faculty Advisory Committee's name change to the Faculty Advisory Council. FAC members serve two-year terms. Until 2008, two members represented the research universities (one from OU and one from OSU); two represent the regional universities; two represent the community colleges; and one represents the independent institutions. In February 2008, the State Regents approved expanding membership to a total of fourteen with the same proportional representation.

2011 MEMBERS

Research Universities

LeRoy Blank, University of Oklahoma
Deborah Lockwood, University of Oklahoma
Georgia Kosmopoulou, University of Oklahoma
Jean Van Delinder, Oklahoma State University
W. Stephen Eddy, Oklahoma State University

Regional Universities

Denise Deason-Toyne, Northeastern State University
Luis Montes, University of Central Oklahoma
Robin Jones, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
J.C. Casey, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

Community Colleges

Lowell "Bud" Sandefur, Eastern Oklahoma State College
Pat Creech, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
René Hurst, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City
John Wood, Rose State College

Independent Colleges

Dany Doughan, St. Gregory's University
Wendell B. Sutton, Mid-America Christian University
Mary Ann Stevens, St. Gregory's University

CHAIRMEN

January - March 2011

LeRoy Blank

April - September 2011

Dany Doughan

October - December 2011

J.C. Casey

During the 2011 year, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson 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 Educational Partnerships, served as advisor and liaison.

2011 WORKPLAN

In October 2010, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held November 20, 2010. The 2011 FAC members used this information to design a workplan that focused on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma.

In 2011, the FAC addressed the following workplan items:

- 1. Keep weapons away from campus:** FAC members supplied current faculty resolutions regarding weapons on campus and are working with presidents to oppose legislation
- 2. Increase student success through high school preparation, retention and transfer:** FAC learned about the nationally adopted Common Core State Standards, reviewed college retention data, and will learn about GEAR UP
- 3. Establish educational priorities to be funded as appropriations increase:** no discussion
- 4. Study effectiveness of federal and state financial aid programs:** FAC learned about Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program
- 5. Improve effectiveness of adjunct faculty:** FAC will learn about the National Center for Academic Transformation
- 6. Reduce student textbook costs:** Text2Trade is available to institutions via OneNet; FAC members are reporting issues about its use on campus
- 7. Improve awareness and services for student groups, such as veterans and returning adults:** OSU-OKC opened a new veteran center; received a presentation on the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and Reach Higher
- 8. Raise awareness of pension plans, including funding for OTRS:** received update from Executive Director and recommend that all institutions sponsor retirement workshops
- 9. Improve security on campus:** received update on the Campus Life and Safety and Security (CLASS) Task Force

2011 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>.

Delivered annual report and introduced incoming and outgoing members at December 2010 State Regents' meeting.

Refined communications plan for reaching all faculty members in Oklahoma.

Met with the Student Advisory Board in March to discuss funding for research, Campus Life and Safety and Security (CLASS) Task Force recommendations, and tobacco use. A joint resolution for improving academic advising was approved for SAB to present to the State Regents in May 2011.

Participated in Higher Education Day at the State Capitol on February 22, 2011.

Provided comments at the Annual Tuition Hearing on April 20, 2011.

Conducted Faculty Opinion Survey of faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities in October 2011.

Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 12, 2011 for discussion with faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson presented the state of Oklahoma higher education.