

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 Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Georgia Kosmopoulou, John Veenstra, Kari Boyce, Steve Maier (phone), Jim Ford (phone), James Mock, Aaron Elmer, Al Heitkamper, Craig Dawkins, Don Stinson (phone), Timothy Norton (phone) and Ram Mohan (phone). Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. John Veenstra presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the March 2013 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Presentation on the State Regents Online Task Force. Debra Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships provided a status report on the work of this task force consisting of four State Regents and four Presidents. She shared slides from the consultant, Bruce Chaloux from Sloan, describing the origin of the task force, strategies for using online courses, and two initiatives. Sub-committees have been formed to work on the two initiatives: (1) policy audit and (2) general education core. The FAC will be kept updated and asked for feedback as the sub-committees develop proposals.

Annual Tuition Hearing. Steve Maier shared a draft of remarks to be presented at the hearing. Members provided revisions.

Higher Education I.T. Summit. Kari Boyce, Aaron Elmer and Ram Mohan described the information that was presented and discussed during the panel discussion on I.T. Services & Support from a Faculty Perspective. Interpretation of responsibilities varies at some institutions. Von Royal, Chief Information Officer for Higher Education, and the Council on Information Technology (COIT) requested continued follow-up, including a visit to institutions to assist the faculty and IT staff.

Discussion of 2013 work plan topics. The following topics were selected for the 2013 work plan:

1. Improve services for current military, veterans and family members including use of prior learning assessment: Discussion topics include offering services on campus, dealing with PTSD, and contributing to the State Regents ongoing efforts.
2. Identify and share best practices for IT services and support for faculty: FAC members participated in a panel at the Higher Education I.T. Summit and will work with Chief Information Officer for Higher Education, and the Council on Information Technology (COIT) to promote the sharing of best practices.
3. Clarify faculty issues and benefits including work load, adjuncts, salaries, retirement, and health insurance: Discussion includes the collecting of examples of changes in workload policies or practices and impact of changes in health care options on adjunct contracts. OU and OSU have shared current work.
4. Improve college graduation rates including use of online courses and reducing textbook costs: FAC received an update on the State Regents Online Task Force and will offer advice. Key issues are academic integrity and which students benefit most from online and blended courses. The FAC will learn about online resources.

5. Improve preparation for higher education of all students including those direct from high school, adults, transfers, and lower division students in areas including math, reading, writing, listening, and financial literacy. The FAC will be updated on the work of the Math Success Group and implementation of the Common Core State Standards and assessments.

Future meetings.

- Wednesday, May 22, at 3:00 p.m.
- September meeting date will be decided at the May meeting
- Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 a.m.

Other. The Annual Faculty Assembly date was set for Saturday, November 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.