

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 **May 17, 2018** at the State Regents' office. Members present were Mindi Clark, Jerry Dunn (remote), Tracey Gregg-Boothby, Timothy O'Neal (remote), Ray Dillman, Brandt Wiskur for Patsy Smith, Carol Jones (remote), Charles Sanny (remote), Dana Glencross, and Robin Robertson (remote). Also present was Debbie Blanke of the State Regents' staff. Mindi Clark presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the April 2018 FAC meeting were reviewed and approved.

Prior Learning Assessments

Dr. Shirley Mixon, Director and Professor of General Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Science at East Central University presented information to the FAC on the course she developed for students to learn the process to apply for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) in a variety of subject areas. Dr. Mixon explained the credit course she provides and how her course allows students to learn about documenting their learning in a portfolio appropriate for a faculty review for credit within a discipline.

Mr. Kyle Foster, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Initiatives at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education presented information on the state policy providing guidance to institutions for PLA and a snapshot of PLA activity in the state for the 2016-17 academic year. He reviewed the eight approved methods in policy for reviewing PLA credit, including ACE recommendations, CLEP and AP testing, portfolio assessments, institutionally developed exams, and the statewide technical assessment inventory.

Legislative Session

Ms. LeeAnna McNally, Vice Chancellor of Government Relations at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education presented an update from the legislative session that adjourned May 3, 2018. She explained the FY19 appropriation to higher education that would provide a substantially flat budget to institutions, with an additional \$7.5 million dedicated to funding concurrent enrollment for high school seniors. She mentioned other significant legislation that was enacted or avoided in the session and indicated that higher education had a relatively good year in the legislature. She encouraged faculty to work with their institutional president on any advocacy efforts as we look forward to the 2019 legislative session that will begin in February 2019.

Discussion of 2018 work plan topics. Mindi Clark reviewed work plan topics that had been covered thus far:

1. *Components of institutional budgets* was discussed at the February meeting with Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance;
2. *Public school assessment and accountability* was discussed with Dr. Jeanene Barnett, Deputy Superintendent of Assessment & Accountability at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Final results of the new assessments will be available in August;

3. *Faculty engagement, morale and culture* speaker needs to be identified for a future meeting;
4. *Grants and scholarships* will be discussed with Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants.

Future Meeting topics discussed:

1. *Fundraising and grantsmanship*
2. *Assessment of cocurricular activities and activity transcripts*
3. *Update on the Online Consortium planning*

Future meeting dates.

- A doodle poll will be distributed to set the September meeting date at the convenience of the majority of the FAC.

Election of Chairmen. The council was reminded of the chairpersons for the upcoming meetings and the need to elect chairpersons when we get closer to fall meetings:

- Chair for April – June: **Mindi Clark, NWOSU**
- Chair for July – September: **Carol Jones, OSU-Stillwater**
- **Pending elections for chairs for 1) October-December, and 2) January-March 2019**

Other. None

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.