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Annual Report

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

to the

Oklahoma State Regents
for Higher Education

November 2003

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of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council 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 the best proposals and recommendations to the State Regents.

Creation. Seven representatives were nominated on June 26, 1990, by a statewide assembly of faculty convened by the Chancellor. The group held its first meeting on October 6, 1990, and bylaws drafted by the first Faculty Advisory Committee were approved by the State Regents on December 17, 1990. In June of 2002, the State Regents approved the Faculty Advisory Committee's name change to the Faculty Advisory Council. FAC members serve two year terms. Two members represent the comprehensive tier; two represent the regional tier; two represent the two-year colleges; one represents the independent institutions. The 2003 membership was:



MEMBERS

Comprehensive Universities

Chuck Edgley, Oklahoma State University
Al Schwarzkopf, University of Oklahoma

Regional Universities

Nancy Osborn, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Jim Lambert, Cameron University

Two-Year Colleges

Claudia Buckmaster, Rose State College
Judy Colwell, Northern Oklahoma College

Independent Colleges

Hal Cauthron, Southern Nazarene University



CHAIRMEN

January - March 2003

April - June 2003

July - September 2003

October - December 2003

Al Schwarzkopf

Jim Lambert

Judy Colwell

Claudia Buckmaster

2003 FAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO STATE REGENTS

- Annual Faculty Opinion survey results
- Joint resolutions with the Student Advisory Board on 1) tuition, 2) financial aid-OHLAP, 3) civic engagement, 4) technology-OneNet priority, 5) faculty retention, 6) student preparation/higher quality learning experience, 7) budget reductions, 8) academic integrity, 9) appreciation, 10) tuition and graduation contracts. (February 2003)
- In conjunction with the Council on Instruction and the Council of Presidents the FAC approved a model faculty notification policy.
- Developed Academic Integrity Statement which was endorsed by the Council on Instruction, Council on Student Affairs and Student Advisory Board.



FAC ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY FAC MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings to discuss matters affecting the entire State System
Updated FAC web site at <http://www.okhighered.org/fac/members01.html>

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

- Hosted annual Faculty Assembly, November 2003
- Faculty Opinion Survey - Annual survey of Oklahoma faculty was conducted on-line.

STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS Attendance by representatives at regular meetings of the State Regents throughout the year with annual report delivered personally to the State Regents.

ACTIVITIES

- Participated in Higher Education Day at the state capitol.
- Claudia Buckmaster and Judy Colwell represented the FAC as presenters at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges.
- Met with officials of State Employee Group Insurance program to discuss health insurance issues concerning faculty.
- Jim Lambert spoke on behalf of Faculty at the May 2003 Tuition Hearing.
- Al Schwarzkopf served on the Steering Committee for the Academic Vice Chancellor Search.

FAC ACTIVITIES *(Continued)*

INTERACTION WITH OTHER GROUPS

- Joint meeting with Student Advisory Board
- FAC member service on articulation committees
- Council on Instruction review of campus personnel policy



FAC REVIEW, INPUT AND STUDIES

- Legislative issues
- Academic Vice Chancellor search
- State Regents' Workplan
- Faculty compensation issues and faculty benefits
- Campus benefits study
- Medical insurance
- Medical self-insurance
- Credit card survey
- Academic efficiencies
- Admission standards
- National forum on college level learning pilot
- Academic integrity
- Minimum productivity standards for educational programs
- high school indicators reports reflecting the degree to which Oklahoma high school graduates are academically prepared for college
- Tuition increases and tuition cap release
- Annual remediation study
- Policy statement on "Admission of Students for Whom English is a Second Language"
- Policy changes relating to distance learning, on-line learning, and intellectual property issues
- Oklahoma Campus Compact and service learning
- Budget cuts and budget reduction priority
- Financial aid developments
- Oklahoma higher education report card
- Tuition equalization initiative
- OneNet services to campuses
- Student Preparation Task Force
- Student assessment project



2003 FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL WORKPLAN

- Faculty Compensation Issues (faculty salaries, budget restraints, faculty workload issues) and Faculty Benefits (retirement, medical)
- Governance/Faculty Voice at Capitol (legislative issues)
- Student Performance (student preparation for college, student assessment issues, academic integrity)
- Technology (OneNet, Distance Learning, Use for Academic Effectiveness, Voice Over IP)