

## Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

### FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

**Call to order.** The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Kari Boyce, Warren Finn (telephone), Kenneth Bartels, Jim Ford (telephone), James Mock, Michael Dunn, Fred Gates, Craig Dawkins, Don Stinson (telephone), Julie Dinger-Blanton (telephone), and Al Heitkamper. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. James Mock presided.

**Minutes from last meeting.** The minutes of the May 2014 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

**Creative Oklahoma.** Susan McCalmont, President of Creative Oklahoma, described history and purpose of Creative Oklahoma. Discussion included past forums and the use of C-school facilitators for projects. The next forum is March 30-31, 2015 and will include special rates for student groups. More information available at <http://www.stateofcreativity.com/>.

**State Regents Online Task Force.** Daniel Archer, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, described the discussions in the two committees that are working under the Task Force. The institutions are sharing their best practices and innovations such as using Quality Matters standards and professional development, flipped classroom technology, and MOOCs. He explained State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) implantation and announced the upcoming April Quality Matters Meeting in Oklahoma.

#### Discussion of 2014 work plan topics.

1. Improve and identify best practices for general education and college student competence in key areas such as financial literacy, computer proficiency, critical thinking and communicating: Discussion included a history of State Regents policy on general education requirements and the process for making changes in policy or at the institution.
2. Explore faculty workload impact on academic efficiency: Existing national and Oklahoma information was reviewed and discussion included a need for tracking adjunct numbers, comparing among institutions and sharing best practices.
3. Improve retention of college students and identify best practices in career advisement, student motivation, program changes, faculty development and enrollment management: Learned about best practices from practitioners.
4. Improve success of transfer students and identify best practices in efforts such as course equivalency, articulation, curriculum alignment, outcome assessments and feedback reports: Learned about issues that impact transfer students and examined some data.
5. Explore success of concurrent students especially in online courses: Discussion included a review of the TCC EXELerate pilot program to reach more students.

6. Support and provide advice on current State Regents initiatives including Complete College America and the Online Education Task Force. Received updates on Complete College America progress and discussions in the Online Task Force.

**Future meetings.**

- Tuesday, October 14, 3:00 pm
- Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am
- Saturday, November 1, 10:00 am—Annual Faculty Assembly
- Tuesday, December 16, 3:00 pm
- February 10, 2015—Higher Education Day

**Election of chairman for October-December.** Kari Boyce was elected to be the next chairman.

**Other.** Debra Stuart provided an update on the status of K-12 standards. The discussion included a concern for improving the preparation of students graduating from Oklahoma high schools.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.