

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Edgar O'Rear, Kenneth Bartels, Marie Hanigan, Jarrad Wagner, Michael Dunn, Jason Prather (telephone), Pamela Louderback (telephone), Julie Dinger-Blanton (telephone), Ginnett Rollins, Leon DeSecottier, and Jyoti Abraham. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Michael Dunn presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the May 2015 FAC meeting were approved as distributed.

Impact of school counseling on transition from high school to college. Linda Beerwinkle, High School Counselor for Hydro-Eakly Public Schools, and Brenda Stinnett, College Advisor for Putnam City Public Schools, presented how they assist students with the transition to college and some of the challenges that students have. Counselor provide the following activities: speaker series on careers, use of EXPLORE data, access to OKCollegeStart.org, advising and incentives for academic and extracurricular preparation, preparation for college visits, college tours, parent "university," financial aid information. Some of the challenges that students can face include lack of support from home, lack of access to information, and lack of financial aid.

Annual Faculty Opinion Survey. Revisions to last year's survey instrument were discussed. Debra Stuart will distribute revised version for approval, then make it available using Survey Monkey. FAC members and other faculty will be asked to make it available to faculty at each institution. Results will be reviewed by FAC, then shared at the Annual Faculty Assembly. Since Chancellor Johnson is not available to present at the Assembly, another State Regents staff member will present the information from his legislative tour.

Discussion of 2015 work plan topics.

To improve understanding of (a) the diverse work responsibilities of faculty across the State of Oklahoma and (b) the impact that policy and funding have on students, faculty and staff in their roles related to teaching/learning, advising/mentoring, research/scholarship and institutional, professional and community service.

1. Enhance public understanding of faculty work load, market value of salaries and instructional costs. Describe faculty work load by institutional mission and responsibilities such as teaching, advising, service, and research. Provide information on cost of instruction and economic impact. Expand use of Salaries in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education annual report. Develop communications for distribution.
2. Expand communication with all faculty. Share information that comes to the Faculty Advisory Council. Develop communication strategy that reaches all institutions.

3. Improve student preparation for college and services for college students including veterans. Learn more about the current K-12 standards and the process for developing new standards.
4. Support and provide advice on current State Regents initiatives including Complete College America, Online Education Task Force, Campus Safety and Security Task Force, and legislation.

Election of chairman for October-December. Michael Dunn was re-elected.

Future meeting dates.

- Tuesday, October 27, at 3:00 pm
- Saturday, November 14, at 9:00 am
- Saturday, November 14, at 10:00 am-- Annual Faculty Assembly
- Tuesday, December 8, at 3:00 pm

Other. Debra Stuart distributed copies of "Salaries in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education 2014-2015."

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.