

Annual Report

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 research tier; two represent the regional tier; two represent the community colleges; one represents the independent institutions.

2005 MEMBERS

Research Universities

Carol Moder, Oklahoma State University
Frank Lawler, University of Oklahoma

Regional Universities

Gary Wickham, Northeastern State University
Brett Elliott, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Community Colleges

Martha George, Oklahoma City Community College (before June)
Jane Carney, Oklahoma City Community College (after June)
Bruce Stewart, Murray State College

Independent Colleges

Peggy Poteet, Southern Nazarene University

CHAIRMEN

January - March 2005
April - June 2005
July - September 2005
October - December 2005

Gary Wickham
Frank Lawler
Peggy Poteet
Carol Moder

2005 WORKPLAN

In October 2004, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held on November 6, 2004. The 2005 FAC members used this information to design a workplan that focused on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma. In 2005, the following issues were in the FAC workplan:

- **Faculty Salaries**
- **Preparation for College**
- **Academic Integrity**
- **Governance**
- **Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS)**

ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS

The FAC holds regular meetings to discuss matters affecting the all higher education institutions in Oklahoma. Copies of the minutes are on the FAC web site at <http://www.okhighered.org/fac>.

- Discussed student preparation issues and information from the State Regents' Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) showing trends in tests scores between Oklahoma and the nation and differences by gender and ethnicity
- Met with high school teachers to discuss concerns about preparing students for college.
- Reviewed the Oklahoma report, *Analysis of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs*, prepared by the Noel-Levitz consultants.
- Reviewed and discussed the Economic Development Generating Excellence (EDGE) Research Capital of the Plains Initiative.
- Met with the Student Advisory Board to discuss state appropriations and health insurance for part-time students and to develop joint resolutions on (1) higher education capital bond issue, (2) faculty Enhancement, (3) employment tax proposal, and (4) institutional governance.

- Met with officials of State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board (OSEEGIB).
- Met with Director of the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System (OTRS) to discuss questions from faculty.
- Participated in Higher Education Day at the state capitol.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

- Conducted Faculty Opinion Survey.
- Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 5, 2005.

STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS

- Delivered annual report and introduced incoming and outgoing member in December.
- Presented resolutions to the State Regents in May.
- Presented Faculty views at the Tuition Hearing in June.

During the past year Chancellor Paul Risser has worked in partnership with the FAC to serve the interests of higher education faculty and institutions of Oklahoma. Dr. Debra L. Stuart, Vice Chancellor for Administration, has served as advisor and liaison to State Regents' staff.