

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council 2012 Annual Report

Purpose. The purpose of the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) 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 recommendations to the State Regents.

Creation. In 1990, seven representatives were nominated and held its first meeting. Bylaws were drafted by the first Faculty Advisory Committee and approved by the State Regents on December 17, 1990. In June 2002, the State Regents approved the Faculty Advisory Committee's name change to the Faculty Advisory Council. FAC members serve two-year terms. Until 2008, two members represented the research universities (one from OU and one from OSU); two represent the regional universities; two represent the community colleges; and one represents the independent institutions. In February 2008, the State Regents approved expanding membership to a total of fourteen with the same proportional representation.

2012 MEMBERS

Research Universities

Deborah Lockwood, University of Oklahoma
Georgia Kosmopoulou, University of Oklahoma
W. Stephen Eddy, Oklahoma State University
John N. Veenstra, Oklahoma State University

Regional Universities

J.C. Casey, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Luis Montes, University of Central Oklahoma
Abbas Johari, Cameron University
Steven J. Maier, Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Community Colleges

René Hurst, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City
Lowell "Bud" Sandefur, Eastern Oklahoma State College
Aaron Elmer, Murray State College
Chris Verschage, Oklahoma City Community College

Independent Colleges

Timothy D. Norton, Oral Roberts University
Mary Ann Stevens, St. Gregory's University

CHAIRMEN

January - March 2011
April - September 2011
October - December 2011

Luis Montes
Aaron Elmer
Deborah Lockwood

During the 2012 year, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson 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 Educational Partnerships, served as advisor and liaison.

2012 WORKPLAN

In October 2011, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held November 12, 2011. The 2011 FAC members used this information to design a workplan that focused on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma.

In 2012, the FAC addressed the following workplan items:

1. **Preparation of high school students for college:** FAC was updated and provided feedback on the new K-12 standards based on the Common Core State Standards adopted by most states, the Complete College America (CCA) projects, and innovation on campuses such as improvement in freshman orientation.
2. **Preparation of transfer students from technology centers, online programs and from community colleges to universities:** The FAC received a description of online activity in Oklahoma and the review processes; provided feedback on the Course Equivalency Project (CEP); and participated in webinar for online and military students.
3. **Improvement of developmental education and gateway courses:** FAC was updated on the status of the Complete College America (CCA) projects including the April State System Summit on Remedial Reform.
4. **Impact of faculty salaries on recruitment and retention:** FAC reviewed faculty trends and salaries and discussed factors observed on campus.
5. **Impact of health insurance and retirement benefits on recruitment and retention:** FAC discussed changes at institutions and suggested that members talk to institutional business officers.
6. **Promoting of higher education in the legislature:** FAC discussed ways to encourage faculty participation in Higher Education Day and opportunities to bring legislators to campus.

2012 ACTIVITIES

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

Delivered annual report and introduced incoming and outgoing members at December 2011 State Regents' meeting.

Shared ideas with the Student Advisory Board on post-tenure review, employment, debt loads, academic advising and teaching.

Participated in Higher Education Day at the State Capitol on February 21, 2012.

Provided comments at the Annual Tuition Hearing on April 19, 2012.

Participated in "Strategies for Enhancing the Success of Online and Military Students" webinar on August 21, 2012

Participated in the Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference on October 9, 2012.

Conducted Faculty Opinion Survey of faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities in October 2012.

Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 3, 2012 for discussion with faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson presented the state of Oklahoma higher education.