

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at the State Regents' office. Members present were John Veenstra, Kari Boyce, Steve Maier, James Mock, Aaron Elmer, Craig Dawkins, Don Stinson and Ram Mohan. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. John Veenstra presided.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the April 2013 FAC meeting were approved as corrected.

Affordable Learning Solutions and MERLOT. Dr. Phil Moss, Special Projects Manager for Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and online Teaching (MERLOT), presented opportunities available through the State Regents membership in MERLOT. Discussion included campus site visits to promote MERLOT and a suggested link on institutional homepages.

Discussion of 2013 workplan topics. The following topics were selected for the 2013 workplan:

1. Improve services for current military, veterans and family members including use of prior learning assessment: Discussion topics include offering services on campus, dealing with PTSD, and contributing to the State Regents ongoing efforts including the annual conference.
2. Identify and share best practices for IT services and support for faculty: FAC members participated in a panel at the Higher Education I.T. Summit and will work with Chief Information Officer for Higher Education, and the Council on Information Technology (COIT) to promote the sharing of best practices and OneNet support of campus operations.
3. Clarify faculty issues and benefits including work load, adjuncts, salaries, retirement, and health insurance: Discussion includes the collecting of examples of changes in workload policies or practices and impact of changes in health care options on adjunct contracts. OU and OSU have shared current work.
4. Improve college graduation rates including use of online courses and reducing textbook costs: FAC received an update on the State Regents Online Task Force and will offer advice. Key issues are academic integrity and which students benefit most from online and blended courses. The FAC will learn about online resources.
5. Improve preparation for higher education of all students including those direct from high school, adults, transfers, and lower division students in areas including math, reading, writing, listening, and financial literacy. The FAC will be updated on the work of the Math Success Group and implementation of the Common Core State Standards and assessments.

Future meetings.

- Tuesday, September 17, at 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 a.m.
- Annual Faculty Assembly, November 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- Student Veterans Conference, December 6, OCCC

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.