

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes

Call to order. The Faculty Advisory Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at the State Regents' office. Members present were Kari Boyce, Warren Finn (telephone), Edgar O'Rear, Kenneth Bartels, Jim Ford (telephone), James Mock, Michael Dunn, Fred Gates (telephone), Craig Dawkins, Don Stinson (telephone), Albert Heitkamper, Julie Dinger-Blanton (telephone), and Ram Mohan. Also present was Debra Stuart of the State Regents' staff. Craig Dawkins presided.

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

Presentation on MERLOT, Multimedia Education Resource for Learning and online Teaching. Debra Stuart distributed the MERLOT slide presentation from the May 2013 meeting to review with continuing and new members. Discussion included examples of free textbooks on Learning Management Systems, business models for bookstores, proctoring exams for online courses, copyright laws, and the need for faculty development. She offered to arrange a presentation to groups of faculty and staff at each institution.

Discussion of 2014 work plan topics. The following topics were selected as work plan items:

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 ;
2. Explore faculty workload impact on academic efficiency;
3. Improve retention of college students and identify best practices in career advisement, student motivation, program changes, faculty development and enrollment management;
4. Improve success of transfer students and identify best practices in efforts such as course equivalency, articulation, curriculum alignment, outcome assessments and feedback reports;
5. Explore success of concurrent students especially in online courses; and
6. Support and provide advice on current State Regents initiatives including Complete College America and the Online Education Task Force.

Future meetings. Future meetings will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the State Regents office on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 25,
Tuesday, April 29, and
Tuesday, May 13.

Other. Certificates signed by the Chancellor were distributed to new members.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.