

# **Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council 2017 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.

## **2017 MEMBERS**

### **Research Universities**

Nick Materer, Oklahoma State University  
Jarrad Wagner, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences  
Wayne Riggs, University of Oklahoma  
Patsy Smith, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

### **Regional Universities**

Russell Guthrie, Oklahoma Panhandle State University  
Elicia Pollard, Langston University  
James Heflin, Cameron University  
Mindi Clark, Northwestern Oklahoma State University

### **Community Colleges**

E. Ginnett Rollins, Oklahoma City Community College  
Freeman Culver, III, Connors State College  
Mary Gard, Northern Oklahoma College  
Robert Katz, Tulsa Community College

### **Independent Colleges**

J.J. Compton, Oklahoma Christian University  
Kirk Jackson, Southern Nazarene University

## CHAIRMEN

January – March 2017	Elicia Pollard
April – June 2017	J.J. Compton
July – September 2017	Kirk Jackson
October – December 2017	Patsy Smith

During the 2017 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.

## 2017 WORK PLAN

In October 2016, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held November 5, 2016. The 2017 FAC members used this information to design a work plan that focused on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma.

In 2017, the FAC addressed the following work plan items:

- 1. Diversity on campus** including gender equality, gender identity and religion regarding how to create an inclusive environment for students, faculty and staff was discussed with the Vice President of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success at the Association of American Colleges & Universities;
- 2. Sustainability** was discussed with the Executive Director of the Association for Sustainability in Higher Education;
- 3. Veteran student services** were discussed the Director of Education and Training at the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs and shared this information with others on campus;
- 4. Student preparedness** as related to non-cognitive factors such as coping strategies, resilience and lifestyle was discussed with experts from OU's K20 Center for Educational and Community Renewal; also, State Regents Mathematics Success Initiative and teacher shortage and preparation were discussed;
- 5. Communication among faculty** was discussed with the State Regents Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations during the legislative session and will follow-up after the session.

## **2017 ACTIVITIES**

The FAC holds monthly meetings to discuss the work plan 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 2017 State Regents' meeting.

Shared ideas with the Student Advisory Board on FAC work plan; faculty responsibilities as teaching, research, and service; academic advising, and gun resolutions.

Participated in Higher Education Day at the State Capitol.

Provided comments at the Annual Tuition Hearing.

Conducted Faculty Opinion Survey of faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities in October 2017.

Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 18, 2017 for discussion with faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented the state of Oklahoma higher education.