

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council 2018 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.

2018 MEMBERS

Research Universities

Charles G. Sanny, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
Carol L. Jones, Oklahoma State University
Sarah Ellis, University of Oklahoma
Patsy Smith, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Regional Universities

Robin Roberson, East Central University
Jerry Dunn, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
James Heflin, Cameron University
Mindi Clark, Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Community Colleges

Tracey Gregg-Boothby, Rose State College
Timothy O'Neal, Eastern Oklahoma State College
Mary Gard, Northern Oklahoma College
Dana Glencross, Oklahoma City Community College

Independent Colleges

Ray Dillman, Mid-America Christian University
Kirk Jackson, Southern Nazarene University

CHAIRMEN

January – March 2018	James Heflin
April – June 2018	Mindi Clark
July – September 2018	Mindi Clark
October – December 2018	Carol Jones

During the 2018 year, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson worked in partnership with the FAC to serve the interests of higher education faculty and institutions of Oklahoma. Dr. Rachel M. Bates, Associate Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships, served as advisor and liaison.

2018 WORK PLAN

In October 2017, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held November 18, 2017. The 2018 FAC members used this information to design a work plan that focused on issues of most concern to higher education faculty in Oklahoma.

In 2018, the FAC addressed the following work plan items:

- 1. Public school assessment and accountability** were discussed with Dr. Jeanene Barnett, Deputy Superintendent of Assessment & Accountability at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Topics included the types of assessments that are administered, the current assessment schedule and how they are used in the state, district and student levels. Additional interest included how assessment and accountability are utilized in higher education for course placement and how often changes has been made to the tests used;
- 2. Components of institutional budgets** were discussed with Amanda Paliotta, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance of Oklahoma State Regents in Higher Education. Discussion included fact sheets provided to presidents described impact of cuts, tuition increases impact on student markets, Oklahoma ranking below other states, higher education absorbing 50% of the state cuts, and institutions trying to maintain scholarships to offset tuition;
- 3. Faculty engagement, morale and culture** topics discussed with Dr. Jeff King, Center for Excellence in Transformative Teaching & Learning, University of Central Oklahoma. Topics included developing, tracking and assessing beyond-disciplinary skills through UCO's STLR program (Student Transformative Learning Record). Ms. Rebecca Hobbes, Government and Policy Assistant, Office of Governor Mary Fallin presented data gathered from a statewide survey to better understand obstacles and difficulties military and veteran students face when accessing veteran benefits or other challenges in the college experience;

4. **Grants and scholarships** were discussed with Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants;

Additionally, in 2018, the FAC addressed the following topics:

- **Prior Learning Assessments** were discussed with Dr. Shirley Mixon, Director and Professor of General Studies, East Central University and Mr. Kyle Foster, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Initiatives, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- **Legislative Update** was discussed with Ms. LeeAnn McNally, Vice Chancellor of Government Relations, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- **OSRHE Online Task Force** was discussed with Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- **Academic Online Excellence Consortium** was discussed with Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

2018 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 January 2019 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 2018.

Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 3, 2018 for discussion with faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities. Chancellor Glen Johnson presented the state of Oklahoma higher education.