

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council 2019 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.

2019 MEMBERS

Research Universities

Carol Jones, Oklahoma State University
Anne Weil, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
Sarah Ellis, University of Oklahoma
Katherine O'Neal, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Regional Universities

Kristi Archuleta, University of Central Oklahoma
Jerry Dunn, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Frank Elwell, Rogers State University
Edward Manyibe, Langston University

Community Colleges

Tracey Gregg-Boothby, Rose State College
Dana Glencross, Oklahoma City Community College
Dan Moore, Murray State College
Timothy O'Neal, Eastern Oklahoma State College

Independent Colleges

Will Blanchard, Oklahoma Christian University
Ray Dillman, Mid-America Christian University

CHAIRMEN

January – March 2019

April, May & September 2019

October – December 2017

Tracey Gregg-Boothby

Edward Manyibe

Will Blanchard

During the 2019 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.

2019 WORK PLAN

In October 2018, the annual statewide survey of higher education faculty leaders was administered. Results were compiled and discussed during the Faculty Assembly held November 3, 2018. 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 2019, the FAC addressed the following work plan items:

- 1. Diversity and inclusivity on campus** including gender equality and gender identity regarding how to create an inclusive environment for students, faculty and staff was discussed with the Dr. Monique Bruner, Director, Center for Success, Inclusion and Diversity at Rose State College and by Dr. Christine Pappas, Professor of Political Science, Chair, Department of Politics, Law & Society at East Central University;
- 2. Understanding Oklahoma's new gun laws and weapons on campus** were addressed by OUHSC Police Chief Nathaniel Tarver;
- 3. Mental health services and training modules** were discussed by Angela Caddell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. OSRHE and ODMHSAS are partnering to extend access to online suicide prevention education training modules. These modules are designed to help staff and students recognize warning signs of psychological distress – in others and in themselves - and build skills to encourage help-seeking, refer to assistance and offer a warm hand-off to support services and providers. Potential audiences will include faculty and staff, student councils and student leaders, resident advisors, academic advisors, teaching assistances, Greek organizations, student activities and any viable touchpoint of engagement or connection;
- 4. Student retention efforts** related to career exploration and identifying a college major were discussed Lisa Nelson, Director of Student Preparation, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. OSRHE also provided an update on the progress the state system has made with regards to Mathematics Pathways and alternative general education mathematics courses;

5. **Oklahoma State System budget** was discussed by Dr. Debbie Blanke, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. A follow-up discussion will be scheduled after the new legislation session begins (Spring, 2020).

Additionally, in 2019, the FAC addressed the following topics:

- **Collegiate Food Pantries** were discussed by Debbie Terlip, Executive Director, OK Campus Compact, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
- **Mental Health** article from *Diverse Issues in Education* was discussed by FAC members.
- **Online Consortium of Oklahoma** was discussed with Kyler Foster, Assistant Director of Academic & Student Affairs Degree Completion Initiatives, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

2019 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 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.

Conducted Faculty Opinion Survey of faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities in October 2019.

Hosted annual Faculty Assembly on November 2, 2019 for discussion with faculty leaders at all Oklahoma public and independent colleges and universities. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education provided an overview of the state system.