

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
Research Park, Oklahoma City

FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes

Call to order. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Faculty Advisory Council met virtually (via Zoom) at 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2021. Members present included Ram Mohan, Amy Bradshaw, Charla Lewis, Mary Riegel, LuAnne Kuelzer, Brenda Witt, Lizzie Boger, Lynn Jeffries, Mindy Choate, Pamela Louderback and Scott McMurry. Lora Cotton presided. Dr. Rachel Bates of the State Regents' staff was also present.

Minutes from last meeting. The minutes of the December 2020 FAC meetings were approved.

Discussion of 2021 Work Plan Topics

Members continued to discuss the 2020 Annual Faculty survey results to determine the 2021 Work Plan.

Previous topics included:

- Campus security and safety including prohibition of weapons on campus
- Communications with faculty at all institutions
- Diversity on campus including gender parity
- Ethics and compliance
- Faculty compensation/workload & Adjunct faculty conditions
- Graduation and retention rates
- Online education training & teaching practices
- Shared support services – models that work
- Well being of faculty – mental health – work/live balance

Revised topics included:

- Online education training & teaching practices: reach out to OCO and COLE for connections with best practices – identify previous award winners
- Well being of faculty – mental health – work/live balance: Look at Mental Health First Aid and Oklahoma Medical Research Corps (OKMRC)
- Campus security and safety: IHEs moving toward campus safety departments vs campus police
- Student Affairs issues: free speech, critical conversations, de-escalating skills
- Enrollment & recruitment: spring 2021 has seen dip in enrollment, how are IHEs adjusting during COVID
- Academic preparation of students – concerns about how prepared students as a result of COVID

OSHRE FAC Resources

- Rachel Bates reviewed the OSRHE website where FAC resources are available to the public. FAC members ending their term will be transitioned to Alumni status.
- FAC members discussed identifying a way to share best teaching practices across the system.

FAC Chairs

- January – March: Lora Cotton
- April – May-September: Amanda Smith

- October –December: TBD

Future meeting dates and time

- A doodle poll will be used to determine the February meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.