

2007 ACTIVITIES

The FAC holds monthly meetings to discuss the workplan 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>.

Health insurance

- Met with representatives of the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board (OSEEGIB) administrator to discuss questions of concern to faculty:
 - Setting rates
 - Containing costs
 - Pharmacy reimbursements
 - New claims processor

Salaries

- Reviewed report on 2006-2007 Faculty and administrative salaries
- Found faculty salaries for all ranks at the public institutions is 81.85% of the national salaries
- Testified at the Tuition Hearing for the need to retain faculty

Textbook costs

- Participated in State Regents' Symposium on Textbook Policies
- Reviewed literature
- Conducted survey
- Discussed with Student Advisory Board

Adjunct faculty

- Reviewed literature
- Surveyed public institutions on handbooks and responsibilities
- Discussed with Student Advisory Board

Transfer GPA

- Studied results of 2005 survey regarding use of various GPA calculations

Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System

- Met with Tommy Beavers, Executive Secretary of OTRS
- Discussed Education Employees Service Incentive Plan (EESIP)
- Reviewed funding situation

Student preparation for college

- Reviewed remediation studies
- Consider ways to assess rigor of courses in course equivalency matrix
- Discussed with Student Advisory Board
- Discussed Governor's Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) initiative