

## FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2002

Members present: Drs. Redwood, Thornton, Van Delinder, Wallen, and Wilkinson.

The minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2002, were approved without modification.

### Old business:

- The committee decided not to respond to Scott Fern's memo to Dr. Halligan (and forwarded to Dr. Lawry) concerning the institutional protection afforded the faculty through Appendix D. The committee's opinion is that it would be better at this point in time to focus on increasing awareness and consistent use of Appendix D policies.
- Regarding follow-up on the meeting about Appendix D with administration last May, Dr. Redwood will send a memo to Dr. Vitek, encouraging him to contact the Faculty Committee if there are areas of Appendix D that need to be clarified in order to ensure agreement on interpretation.
- Appendix D video
  - The committee recommended that a copy of Appendix D be posted on the Faculty Council's webpage. Dr. Redwood will pursue.
  - The committee discussed core points to be made in the Appendix D video. Dr. Redwood will transmit these points to Natalea Watkins for incorporation into the video script.
- The committee reviewed a summary of FY 2002 RPT actions, submitted by Dr. Vitek.

### New business:

- Dr. Van Delinder represented the committee on the Faculty Council Executive Committee's interview of Dr. Gail Gates, in consideration of her appointment as Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Van Delinder updated the committee on the interview, including the fact that Dr. Gates had met with the Board of Regents concerning her appointment before the interview with faculty. The Faculty Committee expressed significant concern that the interim administrative appointments being made on campus recently are occurring before seeking counsel from faculty. Another area of strong concern is that processes for identifying the most qualified candidates for interim appointments are not being utilized. The committee asked Dr. Redwood to convey these concerns at the Executive Committee meeting.
- The committee discussed several concerns related to the possible establishment of a Northern Oklahoma College campus in Stillwater.