

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Student Advisory Board

to the

**Oklahoma State Regents
for Higher Education**

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Purpose. The purpose of the Student Advisory Board is to communicate to the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university students on issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. In representing students, the Student Advisory Board shall combine the opinions of students with good, sound research to develop the best proposals and recommendations for The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Creation. The creation of this board is consistent with provisions of House Bill Number 1801 of the 1988 Oklahoma Legislature. Seven members are elected annually by delegates to the Oklahoma Student Government Association. Members represent public tier and independent colleges, and they serve a one-year term (May through April).

MEMBERS

Jennifer Barnett, Chair, Cameron University

Russell Griffin, Vice Chair, University of Oklahoma

Kim Sasser, Oklahoma State University

Cathey Thompson, Rose State College

Larson Walton, Tulsa Community College

Chris Smith, Oklahoma Christian University

Student Advisory Board Recommendations and Counsel to State Regents

Library Access. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging its staff to study student usage and report how institutions can provide greater access to libraries. The Board met with the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors and agreed to perform an institutional survey to assess student usage.

Experiential Learning. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to continue their commitment to experiential learning by reviewing policies for granting credit outside of traditional learning, including the use of Prior Learning Assessment.

Year-Round Email Access. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to encourage institutions to provide year-round, personal email accounts for all enrolled students.

University Supported Computer Purchases. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to encourage institutions to allow students to apply financial aid money toward the purchase of computers.

Campus Compact. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to encourage institutions to form the Oklahoma Campus Compact as part of a national partnership dedicated to the civic purpose of higher education.

Capstone Experience. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to encourage institutions to create senior year capstone experiences according to the philosophy of the instructor who will teach the course or guide the project.

Disability Services. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to work with institutions to ensure proper access to and increased awareness of disability services, particularly for prospective students.

Student Advisory Board Activities

Faculty Advisory Committee. Members of the Board met with the Faculty Advisory Committee in the spring to discuss and create resolutions on several topics including student preparation for college, student retention, faculty salaries, faculty retirement and the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System.

Council on Student Affairs. Members of the board met with the Council on Student Affairs executive committee to seek input on SAB workplan items and resolutions.

Council on Instruction. The Student Relations Liaison met with the Council on Instruction

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Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors. Members of the board met with representatives from the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors to discuss library access issues. The Board also endorsed the OCALD guideline for provision of academic library services to distance learners in Oklahoma institutions of higher learning.

Oklahoma Student Government Association. The Board was involved in meetings and activities throughout the year with the OSGA Board of Directors and attended the annual OSGA Conference. During the conference, the Board submitted resolutions on experiential learning, student preparation, year-round email access, capstone experience, disability services and library access.

Web Page. The Board updated and expanded the services provided on their website which is located at <http://www.okhighered.org/sab.html>.

Oklahoma Marketplace. The Board met with the OSRHE Communications Director and provided input regarding the marketplace services.

Higher Education Day. The Board participated in HEACO/OSGA Higher Education Day on February 29, 2000 by interacting with members of the Oklahoma Legislature to provide information on student tuition and higher education funding needs.

Campus Visits. The Board traveled across the state to various campuses, gaining student input on a variety of issues during March and April. A report entitled "Student Input on Issues, Campus Visits Spring 2000" was submitted to the Regents.

Opportunity Fairs. The Board participated in the OSRHE sponsored fairs in the fall of 1999.