

RESOLUTION

RESEARCH FACILITIES

WHEREAS, research laboratories, special library collections, and academic computing facilities enhance the instructional environment and complement traditional classroom teaching and learning experiences; and,

WHEREAS, development and improvement of research facilities will cultivate a renewal of interest in discovery-based learning as not only an option made available to students and faculty, but also as an integral part of the academic process; and,

WHEREAS, by participating in undergraduate research, students are introduced to the basic principles used to make new discoveries and develop theories which will ultimately enhance the ability to identify, analyze, and resolve problems which will prove invaluable in professional life, citizenship, and in graduate study; and,

WHEREAS, research creates graduates who are confident in independent inquiry, realize the value of critical thought, and who are proficient in both written and oral communication; and,

WHEREAS, studies reflect in universities around the nation, undergraduate research opportunities have been successful in increasing student retention and academic performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Advisory Board to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education:

1. That the State Regents urge institutions to increase the amount of funds used to develop and improve research facilities and programs for all disciplines including social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, literature, history, business, etc.
2. That the State Regents urge institutions to provide monetary and/or promotional incentives for faculty who engage in research, integrate students into their research, and /or provide undergraduate research opportunities for students
3. That the State Regents establish a "Research Based Advisory Board" composed of Oklahoma faculty from across a variety of disciplines. The State Regents are also urged, in accordance with recommendations provided by the board, to work towards involving as many undergraduate students as possible in research, and implement a statewide vision for the integration of research in undergraduate education.

Michael Allen, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

Date

Endorsed by the Faculty Advisory Committee on January 16, 1999.

Pat Weaver-Meyers, Chairman