

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

Chris Smith, Chair, Oklahoma Christian University

Larson Walton, Vice Chair, Northeastern State University

Steven Purdy, Oklahoma State University

Cindy Hamra, University of Oklahoma

Michael Bucher, Cameron University

Nan Capen-Walton, Tulsa Community College

Kyle Williams, Western Oklahoma State College

Student Advisory Board Recommendations and Counsel to State Regents

Online Enrollment. The Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee jointly submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to collect institutional data regarding the availability and feasibility of online enrollment at Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Online Course Evaluation Summaries. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to collect institutional data regarding the availability of exit surveys and end of semester course evaluations by students at Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Tuition. The Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee jointly submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to support the decentralization of tuition setting authority with appropriate safeguards controlling tuition increases. They also urged that the Regents support a multi-year tuition setting plan.

Sustaining Quality Faculty. The Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee jointly submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging the legislature to appropriate sufficient funding to higher education that will allow competitive salary increases for faculty at Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Faculty Technology Development. The Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee jointly submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to continue the pursuit of funding for faculty technology development and infrastructure maintenance, support and upgrade. They further urge that institutions adjust priorities and policies enabling faculty to update and reorganize instruction using technology tools for the classroom.

Drowsy Driving Awareness. The Board submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to support Oklahoma hotels/motels providing students with a discounted rate as an effort to curb late night, long distance driving and to make it more affordable for unplanned stays at hotels/motels.

Institutional Electronic Directories. The Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee jointly submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to study the availability and feasibility of online student and faculty email directories at Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Institutional Use of Social Security Numbers. The Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee jointly submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to encourage institutions to use alternative methods of identifying students and faculty within the institution.

Responsible Internet Usage. The Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee jointly submitted a resolution to the State Regents urging them to encourage institutions to educate end users about appropriate and reasonable Internet usage as opposed to implementing restrictive policies and procedures.

Student Advisory Board Activities

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. Board member also met with COSA and OSGA executive members to discuss and plan the first annual statewide student leadership retreat to be held in the fall 2001.

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 sustaining quality faculty, faculty technology development, institutional electronic directories, online enrollment, tuition, responsible internet usage, and institutional use of social security numbers.

Oklahoma Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Members of the board met with representatives from OASFAA to discuss the use of financial aid to purchase computers. The Board approved of the guidelines for the use of professional judgement and the purchase of personal computers as created by OASFAA.

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 drowsy driving awareness, faculty technology development, institutional electronic directories, institutional use of social security numbers, online course evaluation summaries, online enrollment, responsible internet usage, sustaining quality faculty, and tuition.

Web Page. The Board updated and expanded the services provided on their website that is located at <http://www.okhighered.org/student-center/mainsite/stdnt-ad-bd/index.html>.

Higher Education Day. The Board participated in HEACO/OSGA Higher Education Day on March 6, 2001 by interacting with members of the Oklahoma Legislature to provide information on student tuition and higher education funding needs.