

# 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 student 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**

Jessica Hatlestad- University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

Jamese Lewis- Langston University

Aleisha McCabe- Oklahoma State University

Matthew Prieto- Rose State College

Patricia Ritchie- University of Oklahoma

Zakary Spitz- St. Gregory's University

Olaf Standley- Tulsa Community College

## ***Student Advisory Board Recommendations to the State Regents***

**Adjunct Faculty Resolution.** The board and the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) jointly submitted a resolution authored by the FAC to the State Regents recommending that all institutions consider full-time faculty positions as a top priority and that adjunct/part-time positions be limited to academically-justified situations and specific innovative programs such as has been suggested in the OSRHE Academic Efficiencies Initiative.

**Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program Restructuring.** The board and the Faculty Advisory Council jointly submitted a resolution authored by the SAB encouraging the State Legislature, State Regents, and the Chancellor to examine ways in which to provide a monetary incentive comparable to the TSEIP program for individuals teaching in disciplines other than math and science.

### ***2005-2006 Student Advisory Board Activities***

**Campus Visits.** Members of the board visited the following campuses in order to listen to student concerns and promote the SAB: University of Central Oklahoma, University of Tulsa, East Central University, Northeastern State University, and Rogers State University.

**HB 2617.** Jessica Hatlestad met with Representative Doug Cox in the fall to continue the work SAB began last year on a tax incentive proposal for high tech companies that hire Oklahoma graduates. Representative Cox took the board's proposal from last year and created HB 2617. The bill made it through the House, but died in the Senate Finance Committee on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Monthly Meetings.** Members of the Board met monthly to discuss work plan items and prepare resolutions.

**Faculty Advisory Council.** Members of the Board met with the Faculty Advisory Committee on April 23, 2006 to discuss current issues being address by each group.

**Student Leadership Retreat.** Members of the Board worked in conjunction with the Council on Student Affairs and the Oklahoma Student Government Association to host the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Oklahoma Student Leadership Retreat that took place September 22-23, 2005.