

**1995-1996
Student Advisory Board
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education**

Workplan

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This workplan was prepared with student success as the single most important goal of our work.

1. **Degree Completion Time:** Identify solutions to reducing the amount of time spent completing a baccalaureate degree, from five years to four.

Solutions to be researched:

- A. Expanded use of College Level Examination Program test (CLEP)
- B. Use of Advanced Placement Program
- C. Encourage students to complete general education requirements prior to major specific curriculum requirements.

The Student Advisory Board will conduct a survey of sophomore and senior students to gain insight into reasons for extending a bachelor's degree beyond four years. The survey will be conducted in August.

2. **Effect of Student Extra-Curricular Activities.** The Student Advisory Board will provide input to the Council of Student Affairs on the effect extra-curricular activities have on a students' successful completion of degrees.
3. **Quality and Effectiveness of Advising.** The Student Advisory Board will survey students and institutions and propose ways to increase the effectiveness of advising.

Possible solutions:

- A. Hire professional academic advising staff.
 - B. Expanded use of peer advising techniques.
4. **Resolution of Multi-Cultural Tensions.** Compile a catalog of multi-cultural programs and services offered at all institutions in Oklahoma, using academic and student affairs officials.

5. **Top Ten Educational Concerns.** Identify and provide solutions for the top ten educational concerns facing students in Oklahoma. These concerns are not listed in order of importance.

Advisement
Career Placement
Financial Aid
General Education Requirements
Articulation
Facilities
Technology
Multi-Cultural Plan
Fee Structure
Shared Governance

6. **Heartland Scholarship Fund Promotion.** The Student Advisory Board will coordinate and spearhead fundraising efforts by student groups on a state-wide basis.
7. **Oklahoma Student Government Association and Council on Student Affairs Relationships.** Continue in a working relationship with these two groups on a consistent basis.
8. **Student Advisory Board Newsletter.** Produce three Student Advisory Board newsletters to be distributed state-wide in August, January and April.
9. **Review of Student Advisory Board Bylaws.**
10. **Multi-Year Tuition Plan.** Research the effects and possibility of a multi-year tuition plan for Oklahoma students.
11. **Faculty Advisory Committee.** Participate in the annual joint meeting with the Faculty Advisory Committee to the State Regents.