

**CITIZENS' COMMISSION**  
**on**  
**THE FUTURE OF OKLAHOMA HIGHER EDUCATION**

Status Report on  
Implementation of Recommendations  
December 11, 1998

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**TECHNOLOGY**

**1. Assure that distance education services are readily accessible and of high quality (p. 10).**

- *A cooperative curriculum development project was approved which assembles faculty in 11 discipline areas who will evaluate and recommend multimedia course materials for electronic offerings February 6, 1998.*
- *Oklahoma Electronic Campus which represents almost 600 courses offered by state colleges and universities in a variety of electronic formats went on-line February 6, 1998.*
- *The Learning Site initiative commenced with the Regents contracting with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems to develop and recommend strategies and policy change recommendations that will improve education rates of citizenry making optimal use of existing higher education resources May 29, 1998*
- *Policy revisions approved by the State Regents eliminated geographic service areas with program approval based on quality considerations and institutional capacity for a provisional time period with a "best practice" review prior to final State Regents' approval June 30, 1998.*
- *Regents approved guidelines for service providers which will enhance quality of technology services to institutions and establish partnerships between OneNet and industry June 30, 1998.*
- *Regents approved Lightspan Partnership Internet Services Reseller Agreement which leverages the purchasing power of OneNet to provide low-cost services for schools August 28, 1998.*
- *Cooperative efforts were undertaken with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries for purchase of statewide licenses for electronic databases, including OCLC, FirstSearch, and IAC SearchBank databases. Also planned for fall 1998 is use of \$150,000 in Quality Initiative Grant funds to support acquisition of additional database licenses for academic libraries.*
- *Regents approved a \$100,000 Quality Initiative Grant to establish a student services kiosk project for the five metropolitan Oklahoma City colleges and universities.*
- *Regents approved a \$252,000 Quality Initiative Grant for SPEEDE for electronic distribution*

*of student records.*

- *OneNet connectivity was broadened over the year. The state's telecommunications network currently has nearly 2,000 customers (billable entities) representing hundreds of thousands of users who are connected to vital state services and diverse information sources. Over 1,100 classes are offered weekly by Oklahoma educational institutions via OneNet.*
- *Regents ratified OU, UCO, and NOC as pilot institutions in the new SREB Southern Regional Electronic Campus (SREC) September 1997. SREC expanded to include eight Oklahoma institutions fall 1998.*

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**2. Plan for impact of technology advances on the culture of Oklahoma higher education (p. 10).**

- *A technology conference was held on November 6, 1997, with over 300 in attendance from Oklahoma institutions to discuss technology impact and opportunities for quality and efficiency improvements in higher education using technology.*
- *A Western Governors University conference was co-hosted by the Governor, State Regents, and Oklahoma State University during the 1998 spring semester to discuss the future of electronic delivery consortia and competency based learning.*
- *Regents approved and allocated \$124,000 for a cooperative curriculum development project which assembles faculty in 11 discipline areas to evaluate and recommend multimedia course materials for electronic offerings February 1998. The initial meeting was held April 1998; the project is in process.*
- *State Regents' program approval and review policies require institutions to review the role of technology to enhance academic programs September 1997. Institutional academic plans include a description of plans for technology.*
- *An RFP was developed and announced for faculty and instructional development February 1998. A team of external reviews evaluated the institutional proposals. From a total of 22 proposals, Regents approved and allocated \$500,000 for six proposals involving 11 institutions in faculty technology training.*
- *Regents allocated \$252,000 for SPEEDE, an electronic transcript statewide project.*

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**3. Change policies relating to institutional geographic service areas, particularly for electronic offerings (p. 11).**

- *Oklahoma Electronic Campus on the State Regents' web site lists almost 600 courses being offered by state colleges and universities in a variety of electronic formats February 6, 1998. Work continues to list future semesters for student academic planning and enrollment, as well as adding options to make it user-friendly.*
- *Regents approved a resolution to establish electronic learning sites throughout the state and contracted with NCHEMS for policy assistance and a statewide needs assessment October 1997. Learning Site initiative will address access issues, geographic service area elimination,*

*receive site funding, service to business/industry May 29, 1998.*

- *Policy changes to eliminate geographic service area for electronic courses were approved June 30, 1998.*

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**4. Make the degree-granting and credentialing process more flexible in light of new technology options, and develop a way to measure competencies (p. 12).**

- *Oklahoma became part of the Western Governors University whose program offerings are based on competency achievement June 1998.*
- *Competency-based learning was incorporated in revised electronic media policy.*
- *Policy changes to eliminate geographic service area for electronic courses were approved June 30, 1998.*

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**5. Set college graduation competency requirements for performing computer-based tasks and managing information technology (p. 12).**

- *Policy revised to require computer proficiency for college entry/college graduation April 3, 1998.*

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**6. Urge institutions to clearly articulate technology goals (p. 12).**

- *State Regents' program approval and review policies require institutions to review the role of technology to enhance academic programs September 1997. Institutional academic plans include a description of plans for technology.*
- *Five-year technology plans are submitted annually to the Office of State Finance.*
- *The State Regents are members of the Great Plains Network and Internet2, reflecting technology direction and goals. The connection to the Great Plains Network is already operational, and the Internet2 connection will be up and running soon.*

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**7. Adopt incentive programs for faculty technology training and technical assistance (p. 13).**

- *A Quality Initiative Grant of \$90,000 was awarded sending faculty from each institution to the Teletraining Institute.*
- *An RFP was developed and announced for faculty and instructional development February 1998. A team of external reviewers evaluated the institutional proposals. From a total of 22 proposals, Regents approved and allocated \$500,000 for six proposals involving 11 institutions in faculty technology training August 28, 1998.*
- *Budget guidelines state intent to allocate funds to implement the Technology 2000 and economic development initiatives April 3, 1998.*

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**8. Adopt strategies for re-engineering courses for distance learning and achieving economies on packaging of uniform course materials (p. 13).**

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**9. Adapt funding strategies to technological change and obsolescence (p. 14).**

- *Regents allocated \$2.6 million to institutions for equipment, consumables, personnel, and other support services necessary to establish facilities and capacity. Future funding will be allocated based, in part, on the numbers of students and courses received October 30, 1998.*
- *Budget guidelines state intent to allocate funds to implement the Technology 2000 and economic development initiatives April 3, 1998.*
- *Regents allocated \$1.1 million to OneNet for upgrades May 1998.*
- *Regents allocated \$500,000 in Research Matching Funds for use by the Agricultural Extension Centers statewide in upgrading connectivity to OneNet April 1997.*
- *Priority was given to science and technology-related capital projects in the allocation of \$45 million for higher education capital projects October 1998.*

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**10. Change funding policies so that the burden of technology costs is shared more appropriately between the state and direct beneficiaries (p. 14).**

- *A survey currently under way by the Council of Communicators will identify benefits and appropriate funding burdens associated with technology October 1998.*
- *A spring 1998 student survey found student support for institutional laptop requirements provided that financial aid assistance would be available.*

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**11. Allocate funds recognizing front-end effort required for development of technology-intensive instruction (p. 15).**

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- *Regents' allocated \$2.6 million in receive site funding to institutions to establish facilities and receiving capacity October 1998.*

- *Regents awarded 13 grants totaling \$3.2 million to institutions for building Oklahoma's economic development infrastructure in key industries such as information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, and high-tech manufacturing August 30, 1998.*

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**12. Provide incentives/benefits to operate receive sites (p. 15).**

- *Learning Site initiative will address access issues, geographic service area elimination, receive site funding, service to business/industry May 29, 1998.*
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**13. College entry requirements should require students entering college from high school to have basic keyboarding and basic computer orientation (p. 15).**

- *State Regents' admission policy accepts computer science courses for college admission. Requirements are higher than keyboarding and orientation.*
- *A policy revision requiring computer proficiency for college entry/college graduation April 3, 1998.*

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**DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE/MARKETS**

**14. Plan for higher education delivery which responds to changing geographic location, age, race, and origin mix of population (p. 18).**

- *Oklahoma Electronic Campus which represents almost 600 courses being offered by state colleges and universities in a variety of electronic formats February 6, 1998.*
- *Faculty reports which expand the number of courses that will transfer from 2,875 to 3,690. Guaranteed courses are publicized and posted on the State Regents' web page February 6, 1998*
- *Learning Site initiative will address access issues, geographic service area elimination, receive site funding, service to business/industry May 29, 1998.*
- *Teacher education supply and demand study will help prepare graduates to meet state shortages May 29, 1998. Recommendations to further address teacher education hiring shortages presented to Regents October 30, 1998.*
- *\$3.3 million contract with Department of Human Services for two-year colleges will provide programs to move welfare recipients into jobs May 29, 1998.*
- *\$43,337 grant will support a program to prepare minority students in math, engineering, and science areas May 29, 1998.*
- *Receipt of institutional graduation plans (contracts with students ensuring graduation within 2, 4, 5, 6 years) from 21 institutions regarding 846 programs August 28, 1998.*

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**15. Assure that a) programs are preparing employable graduates, b) graduates have access to continuing education, and c) business has access to technical assistance from higher education (pp. 18-19)**

- *Approval of an economic development plan with three component: workforce development, centers of intellectual excellence, and research February 6, 1998.*
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- *\$43,337 grant will support a program to prepare minority students in math, engineering, and science areas May 29, 1998.*
- *Continued employment of technical-occupational director will provide leadership on joint projects with vo-tech relating to student academic and career preparation May 29, 1998.*
- *"Brain drain" report showed retention of Oklahoma graduates in Oklahoma May 29, 1998.*
- *Policy revised to require computer proficiency for college entry/college graduation April 3, 1998.*
- *Regents approved statewide business program review, linking it to economic development June 30, 1998.*
- *Regents approved creation of an employment services web site for Oklahoma students, graduates, and employers June 30, 1998.*
- *Regents established a computer proficiency requirement for all associate and baccalaureate degree graduates April 3, 1998.*

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**16. Emphasize financial incentives in policies and practices that promote public interest (pp. 19-20)**

- *Learning Site initiative will address access issues, geographic service area elimination, receive site funding, service to business/industry May 29, 1998.*
- *Items added to Regents' workplan relate to privatization, technology transfer, college savings plan, and policy review June 30, 1998.*
- *Regents awarded 13 grants totaling \$3.2 million to institutions for building Oklahoma's economic development infrastructure in key industries such as information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, and high-tech manufacturing August 30, 1998.*

- *Regents allocated \$500,000 in Research Matching Funds for use by the Agricultural Extension Centers statewide in upgrading connectivity to OneNet April 1997.*
- *Regents appropriated increased funding for Academic Scholars Program.*

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**17. Avoid allocation approaches which result in competition among institutions (p. 20)**

- *State Regents approved consortium of four community colleges to exchange low enrollment and specialized courses via electronic media December 12, 1997.*
- *Regents endorsed proposal for a consortium of five institutions to provide cooperative instructional services including electronic delivery of courses and program September 6, 1996.*
- *Funding preference was given to faculty technology training proposals in which faculty from more than one college within an institution or in more than one institution would benefit.*
- *An RFP was developed and announced for faculty and instructional development February 1998. A team of external reviewers evaluated the institutional proposals. From a total of 22 proposals, Regents approved and allocated \$500,000 for six proposals involving 11 institutions in faculty technology training August 1998.*

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**18. Conduct major public information effort to explain higher education services and benefits (p. 20).**

- *Student information web page that provides a wide range of information (student financial aid, courses to take and performance requirements for college admission) to prospective college students, college students, transfer students, and adult students February 6, 1998.*
- *A news release on the Oklahoma Electronic Campus was distributed to statewide media by the State Regents' office and localized and distributed to local media by members of the Communicators Council February 1998.*
- *Brochures developed to help parents prepare children for college April 3, 1998.*
- *Posters distributed to alert school children how to access the Regents' Student Information Center April 3, 1998.*
- *Regents approved creation of an employment services web site for Oklahoma students, graduates, and employers June 30, 1998.*
- *Receipt of institutional graduation plans (contracts with students ensuring graduation within 2, 4, 5, 6 years) from 21 institutions regarding 846 programs August 28, 1998.*
- *Agreements with two universities to provide services to aid institutional collaboration on grant requests and advance student math preparation August 28, 1998.*

- *Four live Internet "chat sessions" focusing on what parents and students need to know about college admissions and financial aid will be held October and December (1998), March and June (1999).*

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/WORKFORCE**

### **19. Design workforce development programs to fit the needs of targeted sectors of the economy with potential for growth (p. 24)**

- *Regents co-hosted a statewide conference with SEMATECH, a consortium of semiconductor industry and federal officials for the purpose of improving programs and preparation of workforce in this area. October 1997 An economic development/business program review is being designed for June 1998 kickoff.*
- *Approval of an economic development plan with three components, one of which is workforce development February 6, 1998. Regents awarded 13 grants totaling \$3.2 million to institutions for building Oklahoma's economic development infrastructure in key industries such as information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, and high-tech manufacturing August 30, 1998.*
- *Budget guidelines state intent to allocate funds to implement the Technology 2000 and economic development initiatives April 3, 1998.*
- *Reports on the technical-occupational initiative reflect increased higher education/business cooperation and manpower development efforts April 3, 1998.*
- *Learning Site initiative will address access issues, geographic service area elimination, receive site funding, service to business/industry May 29, 1998.*
- *Continued employment of technical-occupational director will provide leadership on joint projects with vo-tech relating to student academic and career preparation May 29, 1998.*
- *"Brain drain" report showed retention of Oklahoma graduates in Oklahoma May 29, 1998.*
- *Regents approved creation of an employment services web site for Oklahoma students, graduates, and employers June 30, 1998.*

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### **20. Enhance and expand entrepreneurship training (p. 25).**

- *Approval of an economic development plan with three components, one of which is workforce development February 6, 1998.*
- *Budget guidelines state intent to allocate funds to implement the Technology 2000 and economic development initiatives April 3, 1998.*
- *EPSCoR projects have entrepreneurship component, offering workshops and short-term classes to faculty and students across the state.*

- *The systemwide business program review will identify the effectiveness of the programs and will have an economic development component.*

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**21. Link research activities to commercial application of new technology, especially by firms located in Oklahoma (p. 25).**

- *Approval of an economic development plan with three components, one of which is research February 6, 1998.*
- *Legislation promoted and passed linking research activities to commercial application of new technology. State Questions 640 and 641 are on the November 1998 ballot to effect constitutional change.*
- *Budget guidelines state intent to allocate funds to implement the Technology 2000 and economic development initiatives April 3, 1998.*
- *Funding was set aside for economic development. May 29, 1998. Regents awarded 13 grants totaling \$3.2 million to institutions for building Oklahoma's economic development infrastructure in key industries such as information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, and high-tech manufacturing August 30, 1998.*
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**22. Change law/environment to enhance cooperation between business and higher education (p. 25).**

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**23. Develop and present unified higher education image when assisting state's economic development specialists on business relocation and assistance (p. 27).**

- *State Regents' staff works closely with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Chambers of Commerce to prepare and present Oklahoma higher education's advantages*

*to potential clients for relocation or expansion to Oklahoma.*

- *Continued employment of technical-occupational director will provide leadership on joint projects with vo-tech relating to student academic and career preparation May 29, 1998.*
- *Regents approved creation of an employment services web site for Oklahoma students, graduates, and employers June 30, 1998.*

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**24. Better publicize higher education's economic development capabilities, especially information about unique, specialized programs (p. 27).**

- *Approval of an economic development plan with three components, one of which is development of centers of intellectual excellence February 6, 1998.*
- *Continued employment of technical-occupational director will provide leadership on joint projects with vo-tech relating to student academic and career preparation May 29, 1998.*
- *"Brain drain" report showed retention of Oklahoma graduates in Oklahoma May 29, 1998.*
- *Electronic banner marketing Oklahoma higher education's web site and providing a link to the site placed on various other web sites, such as the one for the Department of Libraries' SoonerSearch August 4, 1998*
- *Provide lists of graduates in special fields.*
- *Update Business Services Directory.*

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**25. Provide encouragement (financial incentives, etc.) and flexibility for the development of programs for industry (p. 28).**

- *Co-hosted a statewide conference with SEMATECH, a consortium of semiconductor industry and federal officials for the purpose of improving programs and preparation of workforce in this area October, 1997.*
- *Approval of an economic development plan with three components, one of which is research. February 6, 1998. Regents awarded 13 grants totaling \$3.2 million to institutions for building Oklahoma's economic development infrastructure in key industries such as information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, and high-tech manufacturing August 30, 1998.*
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- *Licensed and accessed NetG using OneNet. One of the purposes of the license will be enhance employee training.*

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**26. Improve response time (p. 28).**

- *Continued employment of technical-occupational director will provide leadership on joint projects with vo-tech relating to student academic and career preparation May 29, 1998.*
- *Modular offerings have been developed by institutions for business and industry training.*
- *Program request turnaround for AAS degrees has been substantially shortened.*
- *In December 1998, State Regents will present a comprehensive listing of current certificate, AAS, and noncredit technical offerings geared for business and industry training.*
- *Technical-occupational advisory committees work collaboratively with faculty to develop program courses and curriculum, recruit students, and hired graduates.*
- *From date of receipt of proposal to State Regents' action, staff review and agenda preparation response time for program requests averages eight weeks.*

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**27. Assist economic development specialists in translating ACT scores to SAT scores (pp. 28-29)**

- *Regents' staff have worked with the Department of Commerce and Chambers of Commerce to acquaint them with the ACT/SAT concordance table and how to use performance testing results.*

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**28. Include incentives in budget formula and possibly in legislative appropriations for economic development activities (p. 29).**

- *Approval of an economic development plan with three components: workforce development, centers of intellectual excellence, and research. February 6, 1998. Regents awarded 13 grants totaling \$3.2 million to institutions for building Oklahoma's economic development infrastructure in key industries such as information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, and high-tech manufacturing. August 30, 1998*

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**29. Secure access to state funding for customized, firm-specific workforce development programs at no cost to Oklahoma businesses (p. 29).**

- *Approval of an economic development plan with three components, one of which is workforce development February 6, 1998.*
- *Budget guidelines state intent to allocate funds to implement the Technology 2000 and economic development initiatives. April 3, 1998. Regents awarded 13 grants totaling \$3.2 million to institutions for building Oklahoma's economic development infrastructure in key industries such as information technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, and high-tech manufacturing August 30, 1998.*

- *Secure OneNet linkage to NetG for technology training*
- *Secure OneNet linkage to Sysco for technology training.*

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## FUNDING

### **30. Continue goal of achieving peer institution average (p. 32).**

- *Regents requested \$90.6 million for FY99 to continue to improve the competitive position of Oklahoma's colleges and universities. A total of \$64.6 million was received. Oklahoma total funding per student - including state appropriations, tuition and fees - is 68 cents on the dollar compared to peers in other states. That is up from 64 cents on the dollar last year.*

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### **31. Use a larger share of the higher education allocation for performance and incentive funding (economic development, APRA, high priority activities, higher standards of performance) (p. 33).**

- *\$16.8 million of the FY99 request for new funding is for performance and incentive funding. Approximately 6 percent of the state's higher education funding is categorized as incentive funding. This compares to 2-5 percent nationally.*
- *Budget guidelines state intent to allocate funds to implement the Technology 2000 and economic development initiatives April 3, 1998*
- *Increased allocation for performance and incentive funding May 29, 1998*

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### **32. Maintain state appropriations as mainstay of system's funding (p. 34).**

- *Despite the higher education funding increase for FY 99, the proportion of the primary budget supported by state appropriations fell from 63.5 percent in FY 98 to 63.4 percent in FY 99. Tuition was not increased for FY 99. State support as a percentage of the total budget also decreased. External funds in the E&G Part II Budget increased by \$42.9 million or 20.3 percent over FY 98 compared to an overall increase of \$55.6 million or 5.6 percent for the E&G Part I Budget.*

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### **33. Obtain greater State Regents' control of fees and tuition (p. 35).**

- *Recommendations have been made by the following groups in 1998 to depoliticize the fee and tuition setting process by moving greater authority to the State Regents: the Academy for State Goals, the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and the Council of Presidents.*

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### **34. Increase financial aid as fees are increased (p. 35).**

- *A record of \$170.8 million scholarships and grants was available to Oklahoma students in FY 98 -- a 4.7 percent increase from the previous year and a 56.6 percent increase from the turn of the decade. From FY 90 to FY 97, scholarships increased 83 percent to \$33.8 million while grants rose 51 percent to \$136.9 million. During the 1990s, the State Regents*

*implemented five additional scholarship programs which have awarded \$53.4 million to some 6,475 students. During this time tuition nationally has increased 53 percent at two-year colleges and 55 percent at four-year universities while inflation increased 26.2 percent. Tuition increased only 20 percent at Oklahoma two-year colleges and only 25 percent at Oklahoma four-year universities.*

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**35. Continue efforts to attract private funds for endowments and operations (p. 36).**

- *State Regents allocated \$11 million for new endowment accounts in FY 99 bringing total endowed funds to \$89.4 million since the programs inception in 1988. A total of 22 institutions and constituent agencies have 273 endowed accounts. UCO and Western Oklahoma State College established their first accounts this year (FY 99).*
  - *State Regents and the Council of Presidents agreed to seek supplemental appropriations to fund remaining endowed account requests. Currently unmatched are 30 fully funded accounts, six partially funded accounts, and increases to six previously approved accounts, totaling \$14.3 million.*
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**36. Obtain greater access to local funding sources for two-year institutions (p. 37).**

- *A recommendation made in September 1998 by the Oklahoma Academy of State Goals appears to move in the opposite direction by proposing diminished reliance for education on property tax and earmarking and expansion of the state sales tax base for the three education sectors, with priority funding for K-12.*
  - *The number of cooperative agreements between two-year colleges and area vo-tech schools has increased to 257. Under the cooperative agreements, students enrolled in vo-tech's technical programs at labs and technical training facilities supported with local funds have the opportunity to transfer into and graduate from associate in applied science programs at state two-year colleges.*
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**37. Fund extracurricular activities with user charges (p. 38).**

- *Total estimated activity fee revenue since January 1, 1998, is \$15,224,198.*

**ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT**

**38. Improve quality and efficiency with collaboration, coordination, mergers of functions across campuses (lead institutions, outsourcing, systemwide centralization) (p. 44)**

- *State Regents' Tulsa proposal calls for OU and OSU to serve as academic lead institutions in the Tulsa consortium. Proposal also calls for OSU management of the Tulsa operation. Proposals would result in more functional mergers in the Tulsa operation as well as improved quality and efficiency. Senate Bill No. 1426 and subsequent State Regents' policy changes have created the OU/OSU Research and Graduate Education Center in Tulsa and have created an OSU-managed undergraduate operation in Tulsa called OSU-Tulsa.*
- *Approval and funding in the amount of \$252,000 for SPEEDE, an electronic student*

*transcript proposal December 12, 1997*

- *Approval of a statewide license in the amount of \$574,430 for several library data bases April 3, 1998*
- *Items added to Regents' workplan relate to privatization, technology transfer, college savings plan, and policy review June 30, 1998*
- *Publication "Make College Your Goal" informing students and parents of the OHLAP program August 28, 1998*
- *OU is providing the mandatory safety training for the System (with exception of A&M colleges).*
- *A system purchasing policy was approved.*
- *The A&M system licensed SCT data systems for its institutions.*
- *The 1998 Privatization Study shows that 28 institutions and constituent agencies have now privatized/outsourced at least one function in vending (22), food services (19), custodial services (9), grounds maintenance (6), security services (4), food court/convenience stores (2). Parking, print shops, copier maintenance, trash and laundry services are also outsourced by at least one institution October 1998.*
- *Several institutions are doing web-based enrollment.*
- *Student Information Web Page provides information on student financial aid, courses to take and performance requirements for college admission to prospective college students, college students, transfer students, and adult students.*
- *Oklahoma Electronic Campus created in spring 1998 with over 600 courses being offered by state colleges and universities in a variety of electronic formats. Institutional collaborative offerings are also reflected in the Southwest Oklahoma Consortium, the Downtown Oklahoma City Consortium, and the developing Electronic Community College Campus. Many institutions are importing offerings from other campuses. For example USAO imported offerings from five institutions in the 1998 fall semester.*
- *Agreements have been reached by UCO and Rose State College for the two-year college to provide remedial coursework at the UCO site. A similar arrangement is being explored between Northern Oklahoma College and OSU.*
- *Regents approved Lightspan Partnership Internet Services Reseller Agreement which leverages the purchasing power of OneNet to provide low-cost services for schools August 28, 1998.*
- *A student services kiosk system was approved and \$500,000 in Quality Initiative Grant funds were allocated for the Oklahoma City metropolitan institutions with potential statewide application.*

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**39. Expand APRA to identify collaboration, cooperation opportunities (p. 44).**

- *State Regents' approved consortium of four community colleges to exchange low enrollment and specialized courses via electronic media December 12, 1997*
- *Oklahoma Electronic Campus created in spring 1998 with over 600 courses being offered by state colleges and universities in a variety of electronic formats. Institutional collaborative offerings are also reflected in the Southwest Oklahoma Consortium, the Downtown Oklahoma City Consortium, and the developing Electronic Community College Campus. Many institutions are importing offerings from other campuses. For example USAO imported offerings from five institutions in the 1998 fall semester.*
- *Agreements have been reached by UCO and Rose State College for the two-year college to provide remedial coursework at the UCO site. A similar arrangement is being explored between Northern Oklahoma College and OSU.*
- *The systemwide review of business programs and economic development strategic plans kicked off June 1998.*
- *Regents ratified OU, UCO, and NOC as pilot institutions in the new SREB Southern Regional Electronic Campus (SREC) September 1997. SREC expanded to include eight Oklahoma institutions fall 1998.*

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**40. Focus on broad strategies related to statewide goals while placing as little emphasis as possible on detailed regulation of procedural matters (p. 45).**

- *Learning Site initiative will address access issues, geographic service area elimination, receive site funding, service to business/industry May 29, 1998.*
- *Economic development initiative has three prongs and served as the basis for \$3.2 million in grant awards.*
- *Regents approved policies focusing on approval of programs offered electronically and deregulating courses offered electronically June 1998.*
- *Oklahoma Electronic Campus on the State Regents' web site lists almost 600 courses being offered by state colleges and universities in a variety of electronic formats February 6, 1998. Work continues to list future semesters for student academic planning and enrollment, as well as adding options to make it user friendly.*

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**41. Re-examine Policies and Procedures manual to eliminate unnecessary, inefficient, outdated, and unclear regulations (p. 46).**

- *Re-examination of Policies and Procedures manual is in progress. Preliminary survey of policies has been completed.*

- *Items added to Regents' workplan relate to privatization, technology transfer, college savings plan, and APA/policy review June 30, 1998*
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**42. Develop a consumer-based set of quality indicators of institutional performance to aid students, parents, employers, and policymakers in decisions (p. 46).**

- *Graduation Rates Report lists the graduation rates by institution, including divisions by race and gender December 1997*
  - *Assessment Report is a public accountability document which summarizes student assessment results by institution at various stages of the students' academic careers: entry-level, general education, program outcomes, student satisfaction, and graduate student assessment February 6, 1998*
  - *High School Indicators reports provide information on ACT performance, college GPA and retention performance, and remediation by high school.*
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**43. Emphasize a systemwide perspective and more board interaction in the Regents Education Program (p. 47).**

- *Regents Education Program fall 1997 conference focused heavily on State System policies and procedures.*
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**44. Coordinate with other education sectors on OTRS solution (p. 38).**

- *Representatives from higher education, common education, and vocational-technical education served on the OTRS Task Force which is making recommendations for the system.*
- *SB 1037 passed in the 1998 legislative session provides benefit increases for retirees but also makes improvements in the source of OTRS funding (changed from the natural gas tax revenue to General Revenue), employer contributions.*