

**FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
to the  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Faculty Advisory Council to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education met at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, 2003, in the State Regents' Library/Conference Room. Members present for the meeting were: Al Schwarzkopf, Chuck Edgley, Jim Lambert, Nancy Osborn, Claudia Buckmaster, Judy Colwell, and Hal Cauthron. Chairman Schwarzkopf called the meeting to order and presided.
2. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction.
3. **NATIONAL STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENT PROJECT.** Materials related to the national project were distributed. Dr. Debra Stuart and the Chancellor have attended a project meeting this month, and Dr. Stuart will be available to discuss the project in greater detail at the next meeting.
4. **MEETINGS.**
  - a. Joint FAC/SAB Meeting. The FAC discussed the possible joint FAC/SAB resolutions for presentation to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at the February 21 meeting. The Council discussed possible resolutions. Copies of the joint resolutions approved by the FAC and SAB are attached.
  - b. Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. Claudia Buckmaster and Judy Colwell discussed the planned presentation regarding the work of the Faculty Advisory Council. The presentation is scheduled during the March 6-7 annual conference of the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. All FAC members were invited to attend.
5. **WORKPLAN FOR 2003.** The FAC discussed the following workplan topics:
  - a. Faculty Compensation Issues
  - b. Faculty Benefits
  - c. Governance/Faculty Voice at Capitol
  - d. Student Performance

e. Technology

6. **Other.** No other issues were brought to the Council's attention.

7. **Adjournment.** With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**Joint Resolution No. 1**  
**TUITION**

WHEREAS, Oklahoma higher education is facing budget cuts at a time of increased demand and enrollment; and,

WHEREAS, additional resources are needed to meet the increased demand and avoid the elimination of critical student services and classes needed for timely graduation; and,

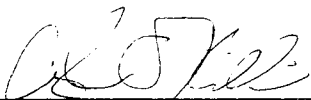
WHEREAS, taxpayers in Oklahoma shoulder a bigger share of the tax burden than citizens in other states to subsidize colleges and universities; and,

WHEREAS, tuition and fees at Oklahoma colleges and universities are substantially below the rates at similar institutions in other states, including states that border Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, each 1 percent increase in resident tuition provides \$1.9 million in new revenue for Oklahoma colleges and universities, and the revenue stays on the campus and directly benefits students.

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

1. THAT support be given to the Governor and Oklahoma Legislature to change the tuition laws in a way that will a) make local boards responsible for determining rates that balance quality and availability of higher education offerings and services with students' ability to pay and that b) help provide funding to ensure academic competitiveness.
2. THAT the State Regents and local governing boards be requested to set tuition and fees in a way that will maintain affordability and access as well as the quality and availability of academic services and offerings.
3. THAT tuition legislation and policies establish safeguards that will maintain higher education access and that will improve awareness, communication, and involvement of students, parents, citizens, and elected officials in the tuition-setting process.

  
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**Joint Resolution No. 2**  
**FINANCIAL AID--OHLAP**

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) provides a crucial resource for students within the state both in terms of stimulating academic quality and providing financial support for higher education; and,

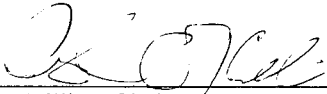
WHEREAS, OHLAP students have a higher college entry rate (76 percent versus 55 percent for all students), a lower college remediation rate (26.3 percent versus 37.1 percent for all students), a higher tendency to remain a full-time student once enrolled, and a higher likelihood to complete degrees in six years (54 percent versus 35 percent for general population); and

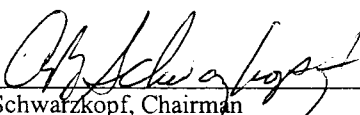
WHEREAS, 61.2 percent of all Oklahoma families qualify for OHLAP, with the highest proportion of families making under \$25,000 a year; and,

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that education is one of the most beneficial investments a state can make both in terms of an increased quality of living for its citizens and an increased tax revenue from the higher wages a college degree demands.

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

1. THAT the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor keep the promise made to Oklahoma 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and provide funding to give an OHLAP scholarship to every enrolled student who takes the tough 17-unit curriculum, does well, and stays out of trouble.
2. THAT the State Regents be urged to make all Oklahoma students and their families aware of the free college tuition opportunity.

  
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**Joint Resolution No. 3**  
**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, responsibility for indifference to civic engagement belongs to both individuals and society as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, college students are among the least politically engaged by traditional standards of political participation (only 28 percent of 18-24 year olds voted in the 2000 election), but participate in volunteer activities more than any other generation; and,

WHEREAS, college students know less about formal government and politics than their predecessors did at the same age and this lack of knowledge serves as a barrier to student involvement in civic activities; and,

WHEREAS, college students must take advantage of formal and informal civic education opportunities as a way to develop their opinions and translate them into political action; and,

WHEREAS, civic engagement can generate social consciousness, cohesiveness, and responsiveness to issues important to students and society; and,

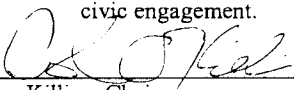
WHEREAS, VOICE—Vocal Oklahomans in Civic Engagement—is a \$107,000 grant from the Pew Charitable Trust and is a part of a national effort involving 600 campuses to increase student involvement in public life and create solutions for the challenges facing our democracy; and,

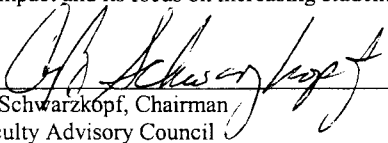
WHEREAS, Oklahoma is a member of the Campus Compact, in which campuses in 49 states participate for the purpose of increasing volunteerism, service, student civic and political engagement; and,

WHEREAS, students are the future of our nation which is better served by active, vocal citizens than skeptical apathetic spectators.

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

1. THAT the State Regents encourage Oklahoma colleges and universities to make opportunities available to their students and to highlight the importance of civic engagement.
2. THAT the Chancellor and Oklahoma college and university presidents continue their leadership in the Oklahoma Campus Compact and its focus on increasing student civic engagement.

  
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**Joint Resolution No. 4**  
**TECHNOLOGY—ONENET PRIORITY**

WHEREAS, OneNet, the state's telecommunication network funded and operated by the State Regents is a vital resource to Oklahoma's teaching, learning, and research; and,


WHEREAS, the abuse of cyber entertainment applications has congested the network and consumed a large portion of available bandwidth; and,

WHEREAS, the congestion caused by abuse of cyber entertainment applications has the potential for overwhelming the academic missions and services and other network activity and has a direct impact on the health and safety of Oklahoma citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Peer-to-Peer (P2P) applications, in particular, have resulted in increased costs to the network, institutions, and taxpayers; increased exposure to litigation due to copyright infringement; and the increased possibility of breaches to campus network security.

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

1. THAT the State Regents take every possible step to inform and educate OneNet users about appropriate network use, liabilities related to copyright infringement, and the finite nature of Internet bandwidth.
2. THAT Oklahoma colleges and universities be encouraged to manage available bandwidth in a way that will reduce legal exposure and focus the telecommunications resources on achieving the institution's academic mission.
3. THAT the State Regents and the State System agree upon traffic priorities and establish policies and procedures for bandwidth management consistent with the priorities.

  
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**Joint Resolution No. 5**  
**FACULTY RETENTION**

WHEREAS, the State Regents' Brain Gain 2010 goal is to increase the number and proportion of Oklahomans with a college degree; and,

WHEREAS, the production of college graduates who can compete in the world market is dependent upon retaining Oklahoma's 12,000 faculty for Oklahoma's 221,000 students and attracting top faculty.

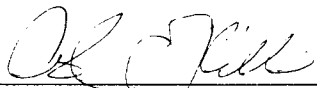
WHEREAS, Oklahoma's average faculty salary is low – \$52,500 for Oklahoma four-year universities compared to \$57,500 for the southern states and \$61,100 for the nation; \$36,800 for two-year colleges compared to \$41,000 for SREB states and \$46,100 for the nation.

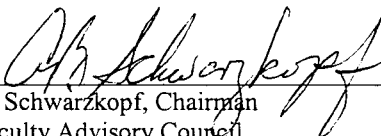
WHEREAS, Oklahoma faculty salaries have become less competitive – the gap between Oklahoma and national salaries for comprehensive, regional, and two-year institutions has increased between 1996 and 2002; and,

WHEREAS, many campuses are faced with large numbers of faculty retirement in the next three years at a time of poor revenue outlook

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

1. THAT the State Regents and the State System secure and focus funding at levels sufficient to ensure competitive faculty and a quality higher education system.
2. THAT state leaders be informed of the urgency of competitive faculty compensation in light of the state's Brain Gain goals, the increased higher education demand, and the potential crisis associated with the pending wave of faculty retirements.

  
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**Joint Resolution No. 6**  
**STUDENT PREPARATION/  
HIGHER QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

WHEREAS, success in college, culminating in the completion of a degree, is a major factor in determining a person's future quality of life and level of income; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has a societal and economic interest in ensuring collegiate success and the competitiveness of an Oklahoma college degree; and

WHEREAS, the value of a college degree is contingent upon the value of the coursework completed en route to the degree; and,

WHEREAS, students rely on their K-12 preparation and coursework when stepping up to the challenge of college and face major adversity and the suffering of their collegiate academic work when they enter higher education unprepared; and,

WHEREAS, students can only be expected to perform in college at a level for which their high school experience has prepared them.

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

1. THAT the State Regents should continue and increase assistance to K-12 through such programs as OHLAP, GEAR UP, and EPAS which help schools assess student learning and increase curricular rigor and guide students in taking tough core courses.
2. THAT the State Regents be commended for setting clear academic preparation goals (Standards for Transition) for K-12 students that will help ensure preparation and success for college and that the State Regents should put more effort into communicating these goals to K-12 students and educators.
3. THAT the State Regents continue their work with the State Department of Education, K-12 schools, business groups, and other governmental agencies involved in student preparation to ensure a common message and expectations on how students can be academically prepared to succeed in college and the world of work.

  
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**Joint Resolution No. 7**  
**BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

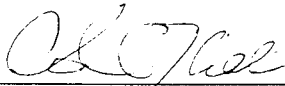
WHEREAS, higher education funding for the current year has been reduced by \$49.5 million (5.9 percent) and funding for the last two years has been reduced a total of 6.8 percent; and,

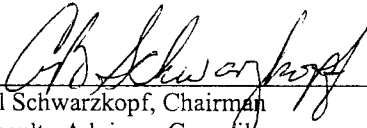
WHEREAS, funding cuts mean that more than 600 classes and more than 500 faculty and staff positions will be eliminated and that library resources and services will be reduced -- all of which will threaten the quality and the production of college graduates needed to boost Oklahoma's economy; and,

WHEREAS, Oklahoma colleges and universities face a \$25 million increase in mandatory costs such as insurance and utilities and must continue to maintain/increase levels of student financial aid in order to ensure access to higher education.

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

1. THAT the Governor and members of the Oklahoma Legislature be encouraged to protect the investment in Oklahoma higher education and to ensure college access.
2. THAT the State Regents and state colleges and universities maintain or increase student financial aid and focus scarce resources on priorities that contribute to a competitive college program.
3. THAT the State Regents and Oklahoma elected officials continue to explore alternate funding sources for Oklahoma higher education that will enhance the investment in Oklahoma higher education and spur the state's economic competitiveness.

  
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**Joint Resolution No. 8**  
**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

WHEREAS, incidents relating to student plagiarism and grade tampering are causes of concern to faculty and students; and,

WHEREAS, Oklahoma faculty have observed that the issues of student preparation and academic integrity are closely related; with more students coming to campus without adequate preparation, academic integrity issues are on the increase; and,

WHEREAS, Oklahoma students have observed that plagiarism increase may be linked to increased Internet use and the availability of materials found on the Internet; and,

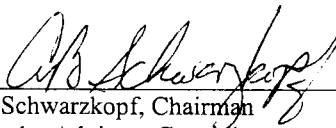
WHEREAS, an increased focus on academic integrity and the elements of preparation and work ethic are needed to maintain academic standards and the quality and competitiveness of an Oklahoma college degree.

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

1. THAT the State Regents provide a forum through its system of advisory councils to address the academic integrity issue and to pursue possible solutions.
2. THAT the State Regents continue and increase leadership relating to the preparation of K-12 students for college.
3. THAT institutions and student groups should be encouraged to develop codes of ethics and the Faculty Advisory Council and Student Advisory Board should be encouraged to work jointly to develop a model code of ethics.



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**Joint Resolution No. 9**  
**APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education conducted a national search for a Chancellor in 2002; and,


WHEREAS, the State Regents actively sought the advice and input of Oklahoma faculty and students in the search process; and,

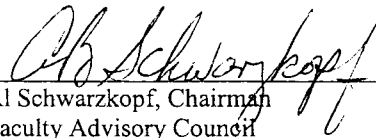
WHEREAS, Oklahoma faculty and students asked the State Regents to select an individual with strong academic credentials, a proven leadership record, and an ability to work with the state's elected officials and business community; and,

WHEREAS, the State Regents selected Paul G. Risser, native Oklahoman and President of Oregon State University, who became Chancellor on January 6, 2003.

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

1. THAT appreciation be expressed to the State Regents for the opportunity for faculty and students to provide input and counsel on the Chancellor Search.
2. THAT commendations be extended to the State Regents for their year-long deliberative efforts in searching the nation for an individual to lead the State System.
3. THAT congratulations be extended to the State Regents for their excellent choice of Paul G. Risser as Chancellor.

  
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