

RESOLUTION

FY 2000 BUDGET NEEDS

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have requested \$107.1 million in new funds for FY 2000; and,

WHEREAS, these new funds will strengthen Oklahoma's higher education infrastructure by supporting a 5% increase for faculty and staff salaries, 80 new faculty and 70 new staff positions, increases in library acquisitions, and the increased purchase of administrative software; and,

WHEREAS, these new funds will enhance OneNet by connecting it to "The Internet2", a high-speed network of the top 140 U.S. research universities and allowing user fees to remain lower than market rates; and,

WHEREAS, these new funds will enhance the quality of instruction by allowing one-time programs for faculty development in technology instruction to be funded on an ongoing basis; and,

WHEREAS, these new funds will enhance the quality of student access by adding \$4.6 million to financial aid through the OTAG, Academic Scholars, OHLAP and National Guard programs; and,

WHEREAS, these new funds will enhance Oklahoma's economy by allocating \$4.5 million for research, including matching grant and incentive programs.

WHEREAS, enhancing education and Oklahoma's human resources will continue to diversify Oklahoma's economy.

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

1. That the Student Advisory Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee support the FY 2000 State Appropriated Budget Needs for the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education.
2. That the Student Advisory Board and the Faculty Advisory Committee will encourage their peers to support the FY 2000 budget needs during the next legislative session.

Michael Allen, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

Pat Weaver-Meyers, Chairman
Faculty Advisory Committee

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