

RESOLUTION

FEE AND TUITION

WHEREAS, Oklahoma fees and tuition were the 8th lowest in the nation for public schools in FY95-96 according to the National Center for Education Statistics; and,

WHEREAS, the current method of setting fees results in sporadic changes that make it difficult for families and students to plan for college expenses and that make it difficult for higher education leaders to make long-range plans and campus improvements; and,

WHEREAS, students and higher education leaders have often supported increased fees and revenues to support specific quality goals or higher education services; and,

WHEREAS, political considerations rather than quality and student needs have been the primary impetus for tuition decisions; and,

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is only one of six states in which the Legislature and the political process has final control of tuition decisions.

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 fee and tuition process for Oklahoma higher education be "de-politicized" by allowing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to have greater control of this process.
2. That the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education be urged to introduce the alternative tuition models outlined in the "Options for Restructuring Tuition in Oklahoma Higher Education Institutions" to the Oklahoma State Legislature as possible options for creating a multi-year tuition plan for Oklahoma institutions of higher learning.

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