

## RESOLUTION

### GATEWAY EXPERIENCE

**WHEREAS**, first year gateway experiences have proven to heighten retention and graduation rates of recent high school graduates; and,

**WHEREAS**, student demographics are constantly changing, and with these changes come new student needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the gateway experience is important to increase the level of faculty, staff, and student interaction, to develop and foster successful academic skills, to acquaint the student to campus resources and facilities, and to explore the purposes of higher education.

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

1. That the State Regents urge institutions to develop a semester long freshmen gateway experience.
2. That the experience include discussion, lectures, and presentations on: study strategies and habits, time management skills, finances, campus involvement, personal health issues, campus facilities, and student services.
3. That the experience should include a student mentor working in conjunction with professional instructors to not only assist in the preparation and presentation of the lectures but also provide a fresh student perspective.
4. That until the development and implementation of this "Gateway Experience" can be accomplished, the State Regents should urge the institutions to develop an alternate program to introduce the student to information pertinent to college life.

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Michael Allen, Chairman  
Student Advisory Board

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Date

Endorsed by the Faculty Advisory Committee on January 16, 1999.

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Pat Weaver-Meyers, Chairman