

RESOLUTION

OTAG TASK FORCE REPORT

WHEREAS, a task force to review possible changes to the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) program was created by the Council on Student Affairs for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in May 1998; and,

WHEREAS, the task force has proposed changes to the OTAG program with regard to the need analysis formula, the minimum credit hour requirements, the length of eligible programs and the maximum award cap; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed changes align the OTAG program with federal guidelines and provide greater equity among degree programs; and,

WHEREAS, many of the proposed changes allow more students to qualify for OTAG funds; and,

WHEREAS, the task force also compiled a list of non-statutory changes or "best practices", to further improve the OTAG program.

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

1. That the Student Advisory Board endorses the October 1998 OTAG Task Force Report.
2. That the Student Advisory Board encourages the State Regents to pursue the "best practices" recommendations provided by the OTAG Task Force, which includes a mission statement for OTAG, forward funding, eliminating application deadlines, eliminating priority for renewals and establishing an advisory committee to the OSRHE for all financial aid programs.

Michael Allen, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

Date