

**Resolution No. 8**  
**VOICE/CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts that funds Oklahoma Campus Compact's VOICE-Vocal Oklahomans in Civic Engagement-initiative is set to expire in January, 2005; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the 2002-2003 school year nearly 10,000 students and administrators engaged in some form of civic activity as a direct result of VOICE; and,

**WHEREAS**, VOICE has made a great impact on political awareness in the lives of students on college campuses and throughout the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, the VOICE voter registration drive held on 16 campuses on October 1-2, 2003 registered over 2,500 new voters; and,

**WHEREAS**, VOICE has encouraged higher education institutions to make civic engagement central to student learning and development;

**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 continue to strongly support the work of Campus Compact and the VOICE initiative on college campuses statewide.

2. **THAT** the Chancellor and the State Regents make continued funding for the VOICE initiative a priority after the grant expires.

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Asher Killian, Chairman  
Student Advisory Board

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Judy Colwell, Chairman  
Faculty Advisory Council

Meeting in joint session on January 25, 2004