

**2002-2003 Student Advisory Board
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education**

WORKPLAN

TOP PRIORITIES

Financial Aid through GEAR-UP: The Board will review existing and potential policies regarding the distribution of financial aid in Oklahoma. The Board will work directly with the leaders of the VOICE Project and the Communicators Council to publicize the GEAR-UP program to parents and future students.

Debt Management and Information Security: The Board will examine the possibility of adding debt management coursework to existing curriculums. The Board will also examine policies regarding sale of student information.

Technology Usage: The Board will study factors affecting bandwidth usage on campus and make suggestions to help resolve the issue. The Board will also recommend a policy to implement the following initiatives: online enrollment, tuition payment, voter registration, and scholarships, as well as electronic directories.

Civic Engagement Initiative: The Board will provide support for and advise the leaders of the VOICE Project. The Board will also recommend that universities provide credit for completion of service learning projects.

Non-Traditional Course Offerings: The Board will examine the availability of evening and weekend courses at the various colleges in the state and make suggestions to increase the opportunity for non-traditional students to complete degrees.

Preparation Week: The Board will investigate the pre-finals week policies at Oklahoma campuses in order to ensure that students have sufficient time to prepare themselves for final exams.

Student Activity Fee: The Board will examine each tier and present a recommendation concerning student activity fees and adjusting the cap for these fees.

Field Designations on Diplomas: The Board will research the different policies concerning whether a student's major field is shown on their diploma and recommend any necessary changes.

Curricular Strength: The Board will research current trends in curricular strength at the state's campuses and use that information to make suggestions to further improve the reputation of Oklahoma's colleges.

Keeping Oklahoma Teachers in Oklahoma: The Board will research Oklahoma's standing nationwide in pay for professors and make suggestions regarding how to improve faculty retention.

Division of University Regents: The Board will consider alternatives to the current systems of university regents under the State Regents for Higher Education in order to better serve the student body of Oklahoma universities.

Social Security Number Usage: The Board will research how the various colleges plan to resolve the Social Security Number issue and provide advice to the Council of Presidents as needed.

Advisory Boards of the OSRHE: The Board will continue in the development of a working relationship on matters of mutual interest to students, the various advisory boards, and their OSRHE staff liaisons.

Student Advisory Board to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

The purpose of the Student Advisory Board is to communicate to the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university students on those issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Regents. In representing students, the Student Advisory Board shall combine the opinions of students with good sound research to develop the best proposals and recommendations for The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

The creation of this board is consistent with provisions of House Bill Number 1801 of the 1988 Oklahoma Legislature. Seven members are elected annually by delegates to the Oklahoma Student Government Association. Members represent the three tiers of Oklahoma public higher education (comprehensive universities, regional universities, and community colleges) as well as private colleges and universities. All SAB members serve a one-year term (May through April).

For more information concerning issues contained in the workplan, please feel free to contact Jennifer Geren, Student Relations Liaison for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (405) 225-9128, or Asher Killian, Student Advisory Board Chair (405) 250-4968.