

Joint Resolution No. 3
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GENERATING EXCELLENCE

WHEREAS, Governor Brad Henry initiated the Economic Development Generating Excellence (EDGE) project to recommend actions for strengthening Oklahoma's economy and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Henry asked Secretary of Commerce Kathy Taylor and Higher Education Chancellor Paul Risser to provide leadership for the EDGE project and to involve Oklahoma's colleges and universities in finding and implementing recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, EDGE expert panels comprised of Oklahoma leaders from the public and private sector and many college and university faculty experts submitted 85 recommendations for the EDGE steering committee's consideration; and,

WHEREAS, many of the recommendations involve higher education expertise or have significant impact on Oklahoma higher education.

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

THAT the Governor, State Regents, Chancellor, Department of Commerce, and the Steering Committee be commended for the joint EDGE effort that has fully engaged the expertise of the higher education community and resulted in widespread participation across the state.

THAT the Governor and Legislature be encouraged to continue reliance on faculty expertise and student input in the implementation of key recommendations and in the further exploration of other long-term or subsidiary recommendations.

Asher Killian, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

Judy Colwell, Chairman
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Meeting in joint session on January 25, 2004.