

Joint Resolution No. 1
OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) provides a crucial resource for Oklahoma students, making college a possibility by providing financial support and by stimulating academic preparation; and,

WHEREAS, more high school students are completing OHLAP requirements and more high school students are enrolling in OHLAP and preparing for college; and,

WHEREAS, OHLAP students continue to be successful academically with above-average high school grade point averages, ACT scores, college-going rates and above-average college full-time enrollment, persistence, and completion; and,

WHEREAS, OHLAP awards have grown from 612 students in 1998 to nearly 3,000 in 2003 and will increase to a projected 18,044 students for 2008; and,

WHEREAS, between \$43.5 million and \$62.7 million will be needed in FY 08 to meet projected needs.

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 State Regents continue efforts to ensure that Oklahoma students have opportunities to enroll in the OHLAP program.

THAT the State Regents' request for \$8.2 million in new funding for FY 05 OHLAP awards be supported and funded early in the 2004 Legislature so that graduating high school students and their families can be assured of the state's scholarship promise.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature find and announce a dedicated and sufficient source of revenue for the OHLAP scholarships so that future generations of students and their families can rely on the state's promise of a college education.

Asher Killian, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

Judy Colwell, Chairman
Faculty Advisory Council

Meeting in joint session on January 25, 2004.