

**Joint Resolution No. 4
RETENTION AND GRADUATION**

WHEREAS, graduation rates at Oklahoma colleges and universities are below the national average for similar institutions across the country; and,

WHEREAS, student retention and graduation rates have substantially improved over the past few years; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of students, colleges and universities, and the general public for students learning to occur in an efficient and effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, the State Regents and Oklahoma colleges and universities have implemented numerous student preparation initiatives and performance funding to reward institutional improvement in retention and graduation rates; and,

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 focusing efforts and resources on retention and graduation rate improvement.

THAT efforts to improve and reward retention and graduation rates be carefully implemented and monitored to ensure that students and institutions serving under prepared, first-generation, and disadvantaged students receive appropriate assistance.

Asher Killian, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

Judy Colwell, Chairman
Faculty Advisory Council

Meeting in joint session on January 25, 2004.