

INSTITUTIONAL USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

WHEREAS, student privacy has become a major concern on college and university campuses, and;

WHEREAS, according to The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, social security numbers are considered to be "personally identifiable information" that may not be released or posted without written consent from the student, and;

WHEREAS, many institutions already generate a random identification number for international students, and;

WHEREAS, the consequences of identity theft outweigh the benefits of using social security numbers.

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

1. That the State Regents encourage institutions to use alternative methods of identifying students and faculty within the institution.

Chris Smith, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

Hugh Benson, Chairman
Faculty Advisory Committee

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