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Joint Resolution No. 4
TECHNOLOGY—ONENET PRIORITY

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WHEREAS, OneNet, the state's telecommunication network funded and operated by the State Regents is a vital resource to Oklahoma's teaching, learning, and research; and,

WHEREAS, the abuse of cyber entertainment applications has congested the network and consumed a large portion of available bandwidth; and,

WHEREAS, the congestion caused by abuse of cyber entertainment applications has the potential for overwhelming the academic missions and services and other network activity and has a direct impact on the health and safety of Oklahoma citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Peer-to-Peer (P2P) applications, in particular, have resulted in increased costs to the network, institutions, and taxpayers; increased exposure to litigation due to copyright infringement; and the increased possibility of breaches to campus network security.

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

1. THAT the State Regents take every possible step to inform and educate OneNet users about appropriate network use, liabilities related to copyright infringement, and the finite nature of Internet bandwidth.

2. THAT Oklahoma colleges and universities be encouraged to manage available bandwidth in a way that will reduce legal exposure and focus the telecommunications resources on achieving the institution's academic mission.

3. THAT the State Regents and the State System agree upon traffic priorities and establish policies and procedures for bandwidth management consistent with the priorities.

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Asher Killian, Chairman   Al Schwarzkopf, Chairman
Student Advisory Board   Faculty Advisory Council

Meeting in joint session on February 16, 2003.