

Resolution No. 2

Senate Bill 820 – Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 820 would dedicate a permanent funding source for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) – “Oklahoma’s Promise”; and,

WHEREAS, amendments made to Senate Bill 820 during the course of the legislative process would increase the minimum grade point average (GPA) required for retention of the scholarship in college from 2.0 to 2.75 for future recipients; and,

WHEREAS, current research indicates that if the provision increasing the minimum GPA requirement in college were in effect today, as many as forty percent (40%) of the students currently enrolled in the program would lose their scholarship.

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

THAT the State Regents support a permanent funding source for OHLAP in order to ensure long term stability in this beneficial program.

THAT the State Regents support the participation of home schooled students in the program.

THAT the State Regents encourage legislators to set a GPA requirement for scholarship retention in college at a level that is lower than 2.75, and is more conducive to satisfactory progress for our OHLAP students.

Markesha Polk, Chair
Student Advisory Board