

UNIVERSITY SUPPORTED COMPUTER PURCHASES

WHEREAS, the use of technology in the classroom has become more advanced, and computers are becoming a necessity in our society, as well as in higher education, and;

WHEREAS, the availability of on-line courses across the state of Oklahoma is rapidly increasing, and computers are frequently used in many courses for teaching, learning, research and communications, and;

WHEREAS, in order to keep up with societal advances in technology, students in higher education must be able to gain convenient access to a computer to do research, complete assignments or solve problems, and;

WHEREAS, many colleges and universities have begun requiring students to purchase a personal computer for specific and specialized degree programs, and several schools are now requiring all students to purchase a personal laptop or notebook computer.

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

1. That the State Regents urge institutions to offer a leasing or purchase program that would enable students to lease or buy a personal computer through the college or university at a lower cost.
2. That a student be allowed to purchase the computer on their student account and use financial aid monies toward the purchase of a personal computer.
3. That the State Regents develop a task force with the responsibility of determining guidelines for acceptable leasing contracts, university fees and profits, rules for eligibility and financial aid usage, and provisions for student access to service.

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Date