

STUDENT RETENTION

WHEREAS, the retention of students at colleges and universities in Oklahoma has been a longtime concern, and;

WHEREAS, the *Brain Gain 2010* report found that when compared to a national sample of colleges and universities, freshman dropout rates at Oklahoma four-year public institutions are higher, and;

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's 1992 cohort of students entering regional and comprehensive universities graduated at rates less than the national average in five years, and;

WHEREAS, 15 percent of Oklahoma's 1994 cohort of students entering two-year colleges graduated within three years, while the national average was 34.5 percent over the same three years.

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 we endorse the *Brain Gain 2010* strategy to provide incentives and services that encourage students to stay in college and graduate.
2. That we support efforts of Chancellor Hans Brisch and the State Regents to assemble a taskforce that will focus on devising solutions to the growing concern over retention.

Jennifer Barnett, Chairman
Student Advisory Board

David Buchanan, Chairman
Faculty Advisory Committee

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