

ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING BOARDS AND PRESIDENTS

Oklahoma State Board of Regents

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ISSUES

1. Free Speech
2. Protests
3. Tuition Ceilings
4. Enrollment Competition
5. Student Debt
6. College Worth It?
7. Sexual Harassment
8. Open Meetings/Records
9. Funding (State and Fed)
10. Racial Tensions
11. Accessibility
12. Mental Health

ISSUES

13. Online Competition

14. Fiscal Sustainability

15. Deferred Maintenance

16. High Risk Areas-Plans

17. Work Force vs Lifetime

18. Quality

19. Strategic Planning

20. Public Support

21. Student Mix

22. Admissions



ISSUES

PANDEMIC

- Safety/Protection-Students, Faculty and Staff
- Enrollment
- Online or In-Person or Hybrid
- Revenue/Auxiliaries/Sustainability
- Refunds- Tuition, Fees, Room and Board, Parking
- Athletics
- Testing
- Quarantine-Room or Home-Off Campus?
- Buy-in from 18 to 21 yr. olds

ISSUES

- Timeline for Next Semester
- Residence Halls
- Etc.

Who Decides? Process?

TAKEAWAYS

- Your role is more important than ever
- Fiduciary Responsibility
- Stay on top of all information
- Be informed about these issues
- Ask the right questions
- Partner with your president
- Communicate, Communicate
- Be transparent
- Preserve the TRUST
- Be supportive-unity need not be a question
- RESULTS, not process; POLICY, not management
- Be POSITIVE

QUESTIONS

- QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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