

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-2016 Performance Report

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

To build a nationally competitive system of higher education that will provide educational programs and services universally recognized for excellence, expand frontiers of knowledge and enhance quality of life.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

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GOVERNANCE:

The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education was created in 1941 by a vote of the people that amended the state's constitution (Article XIII-A) to provide for such a system.

The state system is comprised of 25 colleges and universities – including two research universities, 11 regional universities and 12 community colleges – and 11 constituent agencies and one higher education center. The State System is coordinated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and each institution is governed by a board of regents.

The State Regents prescribe academic standards of higher education, determine functions and courses of study at state colleges and universities, grant degrees, and approve each public college's and university's allocations, as well as tuition and fees within the limits set by the Oklahoma Legislature.

The State Regents also manage scholarships and special programs. In addition, the State Regents operate OneNet, the state's information and telecommunications network for education and government. The Regents also operate the Oklahoma College Assistance Program, which provides college access, aid awareness, financial literacy and student loan management programs and services for students and parents. While the State Regents are the coordinating board of control for all institutions in the State System of Higher Education, governing boards of regents and boards of trustees are responsible for the operation and management of each State System institution or higher education program.

The current coordinating board is comprised of the following nine members as appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oklahoma State Senate: Mr. Mike Turpen (chair), Oklahoma City, OK; Mr. Marlin "Ike" Glass, Newkirk, OK; Ms. Ann Holloway, Ardmore, OK; Dr. Ronald White, Oklahoma City, OK; Mr. Joseph L. Parker, Tulsa, OK; Mr. Jay Helm, Tulsa, OK; Gen. Toney Stricklin, Lawton, OK; Mr. John Massey, Durant, OK; and Mr. James "Jimmy" Harrel, Leedey, OK.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

An electronic pdf file will be provided as requested. All meetings are filed and conducted in compliance with Open Meetings Act requirements.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

The State Regents' office continually strives to be efficient and good managers of its resources. We are actively involved with purchasing consortiums and group contracting efforts. As an educational system we are also able to gain significant savings by using educational discounts associated with information technology infrastructure. The Statewide-OneNet Network Partnership was established in 2013 to create a cooperative framework to address information technology projects across the state. The collaboration brings together the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in a cohesive approach to achieve costs savings for the state. The Statewide-OneNet Network Partnership is estimated to achieve approximately \$4.2 million in annual savings for state agencies through Fiscal Year 2015. In addition, the Oklahoma State Regents have formed an On Line Education Task Force to review the system's online capabilities, share best practices, and develop and comprehensive on line education platform to maximize instructional opportunities for Oklahoma students.

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CORE MISSION:

No services provided outside our mission and goals.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

No known services provided that could be replaced by a private entity.