

## Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

### 2017-2018 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: Dr. Ronald White (chair), Oklahoma City, OK; Mr. John Massey, Durant, OK; Mr. Andrew Lester, Edmond, OK; Ms. Ann Holloway, Ardmore, OK;; Mr. Joseph L. Parker, Tulsa, OK; Mr. Jay Helm, Tulsa, OK; Gen. Toney Stricklin, Lawton, OK; Mr. Mike Turpen, Oklahoma City, OK; and Mr. Jeffrey W. Hickman, Fairview, 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:

In March 2017, the State Regents approved the formation of a Task Force on the Future of Higher Education to consider ways to improve degree completion and increase productivity by focusing on modernization, efficiencies, and innovation. The Task Force is charged to conduct a systematic review of higher education in Oklahoma; examine existing initiatives and best practices; and report findings and recommendations on strategies that best support improving quality, access, affordability, and efficiency. The work of the Task Force aligns with Governor Fallin's Executive Order 2017-38, issued in November 2017, which directs the State Regents to develop a plan for the administrative consolidation of universities colleges, centers, and branch campuses by December 2018.

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

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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 over \$5.2 million in annual savings for state agencies through Fiscal Year 2017. In addition, the Oklahoma State Regents have formed an Online Education Task Force to review the system's online capabilities, share best practices, and develop a comprehensive online education platform to maximize instructional opportunities for Oklahoma students. In the 2016-2017 academic year approximately 52 percent of all students took at least one online course from Oklahoma colleges and universities (national average is 28%).

#### CORE MISSION:

No services provided outside our mission and goals.

#### PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

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