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## ADVISORY GROUPS

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recognize the value of a formal structure for input from a wide variety of campus personnel. These key advisors represent each institution and assist the State Regents, chancellor, OSRHE staff and others regarding issues and policies.

There are nine advisory councils and boards in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and a brief description of each is provided below. For more detailed information, click on the links to council/board Web pages or refer to [Chapter 2 of the Policy and Procedures Manual](#).

### Communicators Council

The Communicators Council, a statewide panel of chief public relations professionals from Oklahoma colleges, universities, technical branches and higher education programs, serves as a key advisory council to the chancellor, OSRHE staff and other state officials. The council serves as a forum where higher education public relations professionals meet to discuss matters of common interest and implement strategies designed to communicate the benefits Oklahoma and Oklahomans receive from the state's investment in its higher education system. The council develops and implements strategies that convey the value, quality, efficiency, diversity and unity of the state system of higher education. Strategies express the benefits of higher education to Oklahoma and Oklahomans; the quality of higher education programs and services; the system's efficient use of resources; and the benefits of diversity (multiculturalism, nontraditional students and diverse institutions).

### Council of Business Officers

The Council of Business Officers considers financial- and business-related issues affecting Oklahoma higher education institutions. The council serves in an advisory capacity to the chancellor, OSRHE staff and the Council of Presidents and serves the state system as a whole on issues and policies affecting the best practices of state system institutions. The council conducts studies and issues reports in the review of business affairs, provides support and guidance to other OSRHE councils in rendering advice for matters of business affairs and proposes business and related policy and procedures. Membership consists of the chief business officer of each of the 25 institutions in the state system, as designated by the president of the institution.

### Council on Information Technology

The Council on Information Technology considers technology and related issues affecting Oklahoma higher education, proposes technology and related policy and procedures and serves as the principal statewide advisory council rendering advice and counsel to the chancellor, other advisory groups and the entire state system in the review of current and recommended technology and related policy and procedures. The council also serves as a forum for IT officers to discuss matters of common interest, conducts studies and issues reports designed to strengthen the mission of Oklahoma higher education institutions. Membership is comprised of principal IT officers from each institutional campus and higher education center (as appropriate) in the state system. In addition, a representative from the independent sector is selected from nominations provided by the Independent College Association and is invited to serve on the council.

### Council on Instruction (COI)

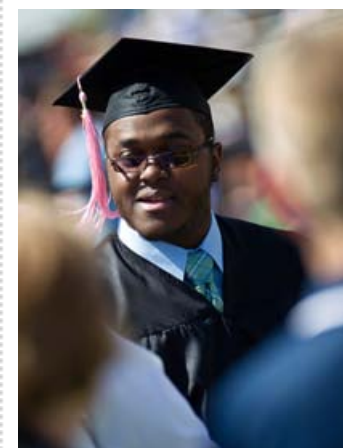
The Council on Instruction considers academic and related issues affecting Oklahoma higher education, proposes academic and related policy and procedures and serves as the principal statewide advisory council rendering advice and counsel to the chancellor, other advisory groups and the entire state system in the review of current and recommended academic and related policy and procedures. Membership consists of the chief academic officer of each of the 25 institutions in the state system, as designated by the president of the institution.

### Council of Presidents

The president of each college and university in the state system is eligible for membership in the Council of Presidents. The purposes of this organization include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting and encouraging harmonious and productive working relationships among state system institutions of various types and levels.
- Providing a forum for the discussion of issues confronting Oklahoma higher education or any of its components.
- Providing an opportunity for a coordinated approach to the identification and solution of common problems.
- Fostering an economic, social and political climate favorable to the development and proper functioning of the state higher education system and its individual units.
- Promoting public understanding of the significance of higher education to the quality of life in Oklahoma.

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#### **Council on Student Affairs (COSA)**

The Council on Student Affairs serves as a key advisory council to the chancellor, OSRHE staff and other state officials regarding issues and policies affecting the welfare and development of students enrolled in the Oklahoma higher education system. The council also serves as a forum for student affairs officers to discuss matters of common interest, conducts studies and issues reports designed to strengthen co-curricular programs and student support services at Oklahoma higher education institutions. Membership is comprised of principal student affairs officers from each institutional campus and higher education center (as appropriate) in the state system. In addition, a representative from the independent sector is selected from nominations provided by the Independent College Association and is invited to serve on the council.

#### **Economic Development Council (EDC)**

The [Economic Development Council](#) is an advisory council to the Chancellor, OSRHE staff, the Council of Presidents and other state officials. The EDC identifies and prioritizes specific actions that create a high-quality environment to retain college graduates, attract businesses to Oklahoma, grow existing Oklahoma businesses and develop new Oklahoma businesses through the efficient use of resources. Membership consists of the principal economic development person, of each of the 25 institutions in the state system, as designated by the president of the institution.

#### **Faculty Advisory Council (FAC)**

The [Faculty Advisory Council](#) communicates and develops proposals and recommendations to the chancellor and the State Regents representing the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university faculty on those issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of OSRHE. The FAC consists of seven members elected by tier by the State Faculty Assembly at its fall annual meeting and appointed by the chancellor. Members of the FAC must be a faculty member at a college or university within the state of Oklahoma and should, at the time of election, be the president or immediate past president/chairman of his/her institution's faculty organization. In the event an institution does not have an official faculty organization, an individual receiving the consent and support of the faculty of that institution will be eligible for election to the FAC.

#### **Student Advisory Board (SAB)**

The [Student Advisory Board](#) communicates to the State Regents the views and interests of all Oklahoma college and university students on those issues that relate to the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of OSRHE. In representing students, the Student Advisory Board combines the opinions of students with good, sound research to develop the best proposals and recommendations for the state system. The creation of the SAB is consistent with provisions of H.B. 1801 of the 1988 Oklahoma Legislature [70 O.S., §3205.5]. Membership is comprised of seven members elected by tier by delegates to the Oklahoma Student Government Association (OSGA) at its annual meeting.