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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution urging the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma State Government to restore the use of equity-related terminology and student-support practices at all public higher education institutions.

WHEREAS, restrictions on terminology such as equity, diversity, inclusion, access, and cultural competency have created confusion and barriers for Oklahoma's public colleges and universities attempting to support student success; and

WHEREAS, these restrictions have disrupted academic programs, limited student-support initiatives, and complicated compliance with federal reporting requirements that rely on standard student-success terminology; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma institutions serve large populations of first-generation students, low-income students, rural students, and students with disabilities who rely on clearly defined equity-focused support services to remain enrolled and graduate; and

WHEREAS, restoring equity-related terminology does not mandate preferential treatment or quotas, but instead enables institutions to accurately identify academic gaps, target resources, and improve student outcomes in alignment with state workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, limiting institutions' ability to use nationally recognized student-success terminology undermines grant eligibility, accreditation processes, and transparency in student-support work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

1. The Oklahoma Student Government Association urges the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma State Government to restore the use of equity-related terminology and allow public higher education institutions to reinstate student-support practices grounded in evidence-based equity principles.
2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the following individuals:

- Savannah Alldredge, President, Oklahoma Student Government Association
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Chair, Oklahoma House Higher Education Committee
- Chair, Oklahoma Senate Education Committee
- Presidents of all Oklahoma public colleges and universities
- Governor Kevin Stitt

Reviewing Committee(s):

ELPHABA

Committee Recommendation:

NO RECOMMENDATION

Action Taken by Congress:

PASSED

Mason Alldredge, Chair of Congress

Date

Savannah Alldredge, State President

Date