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INTRODUCTION

IF AN INSTITUTION IS TO SATISFACTORILY PLAN FOR AND DIRECT ITS FUTURE, IT MUST OBJECTIVELY ANALYZE AND LEARN FROM ITS PAST. IT IS WITH THIS PRINCIPLE IN MIND THAT THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH PRESENT THIS PROFILE OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY. THIS DOCUMENT IS DESIGNED TO PRESENT DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ON PREVIOUS AND PRESENT OSU STUDENTS AND TO DEPICT TREND DATA IN A MANNER WHICH IS USEFUL IN PLANNING FOR THE CHALLENGES WHICH LIE AHEAD. IT IS TO BE USED AS AN INTERNAL REFERENCE FOR HELPING THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE UNIVERSITY'S MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE -- ITS STUDENTS.

THE INFORMATION PRESENTED WILL PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO SUCH QUESTIONS AS:

- WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRESENT OSU STUDENT BODY?
- FROM WHERE DO OSU STUDENTS COME?
- WHAT HAVE BEEN THE ENROLLMENT TRENDS?
- WHAT ARE THE ACADEMIC POTENTIALS OF OSU STUDENTS?
- HOW MANY STUDENTS PERSIST TO GRADUATION?
- WHAT ARE THE PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS FOR OSU?

MOST OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS A PART OF THE REGULAR REPORTING SYSTEM OF THE OFFICE OF INSTITU-

TIONAL RESEARCH. HOWEVER, THESE MATERIALS HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN COMPILED INTO ONE COMPREHENSIVE PROFILE OF OSU STUDENTS AS THEY ARE PRESENTED IN THIS BOOK. OBVIOUSLY, A REPORT OF THIS TYPE CANNOT ANTICIPATE ALL QUESTIONS WHICH WILL ARISE, AND THERE ARE OTHERS WHICH CANNOT BE ANSWERED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF DATA. THIS DOCUMENT, HOWEVER, DOES PROVIDE AN INITIAL BASE OF INFORMATION WHICH CAN BECOME A USEFUL PLANNING TOOL.

THIS PROFILE IS INTENDED AS A "LIVING DOCUMENT" TO WHICH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE ADDED; THE CURRENT PLAN IS TO UPDATE THE ENTIRE REPORT EACH YEAR.

SO THAT IT MAY BECOME A MORE EFFECTIVE DOCUMENT, ITS USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DIRECT THEIR COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS ABOUT ITS CONTENTS TO THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH.

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