

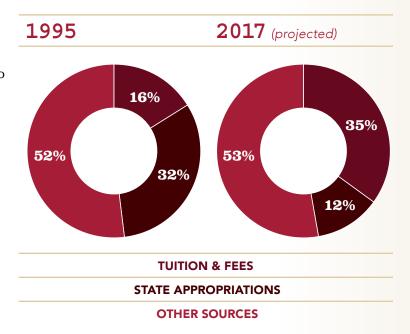
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA:

A Leader in Higher Education Efficiency

hese are challenging times for public higher education in Oklahoma. State budget shortfalls resulting from state tax policy decisions and sharp and sustained reductions in crude oil production tax revenue have led to drastic cuts in higher education appropriations.

Unfortunately, declining State support for higher education is not a new story. In FY1995, state appropriations accounted for 32 percent of the University of Oklahoma's total operating revenue budget; another 16 percent was generated from tuition and fees. For FY2017, we are looking at the reverse scenario: Only 12 percent of our budget is expected to come from state funding, while tuition and fees will account for 35 percent.

With increases in such fixed costs as IT security, operations and maintenance, financial assistance to students and support for graduate assistants and the steady decline in state appropriations, President Boren has implemented innovative strategies to make necessary cuts and to conserve all possible resources to address the resulting budget shortfalls. Most recently, the University has taken a number of prompt and decisive actions – reducing administrative positions,

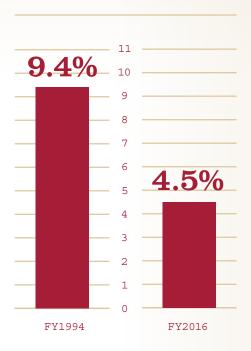


decreasing department budgets, offering a special voluntary retirement incentive and offering a new nine-month option for hourly staff employees – that will cut an estimated \$20 million from the Norman campus annual budget.

OU continues to develop new innovative approaches and cost-saving strategies. Those initiatives take many forms, from saving money by self-funding the University's health insurance plan to increasing the number of degree-seeking international students to exploring the potential for a private/public partnership to develop an on-campus community that would generate millions of dollars annually.

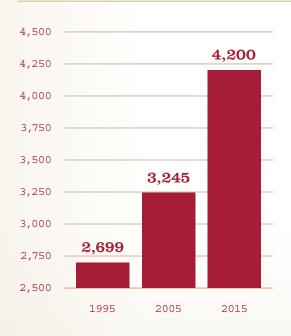
"The University of Oklahoma: A Leader in Higher Education Efficiency" is merely a snapshot of our comprehensive efforts to realize administrative savings and efficiencies without compromising the University's ability to fulfill our primary mission of providing our students with an outstanding education that also is accessible and affordable. President Boren has made clear that one of our very most important and core values as a university is to maintain access and affordability for all students who seek a college degree.

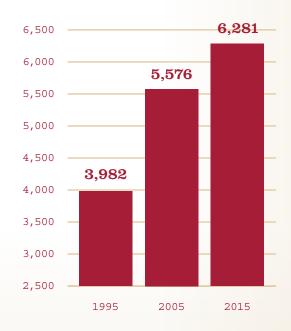
Administrative Costs*



Freshman Fall Enrollments

Degrees Awarded





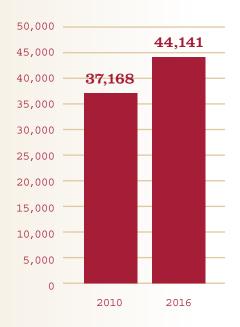
^{*} This percentage reflects Institutional Support — a subcategory of the Educational & General Budget account classification system established by the National Association of College and University Business Officers and recommended for use at Oklahoma colleges and universities by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.



4.6%

(lowest in state)

Expenditures per Student



Savings and Efficiencies

- The net present value of the savings from a partnership with Corix
 Utilities to operate the University's utility infrastructure is projected at

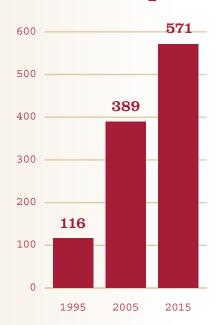
 \$60 million over the 50-year span of the agreement.
- \$ Changes to the retiree medical plan and discontinuing the \$50 per month insurance waiver are projected to save \$2.8 million annually.
- Since the formation of the Elevator Shop in 2011, Facilities Management
 has saved an estimated \$6.3 million over the cost of contracting out
 those same labor hours.
- Using a third-party servicer to conduct verifications of FAFSA (Free
 Application for Federal Student Aid) applications rather than conducting
 them in-house saves the University \$100,000 annually and shortened
 the process time for students and their families from four weeks
 to 48 hours.
- **\$** The University saves **\$1.2 million annually** through consolidating Norman and Health Sciences Center purchasing.
- Negotiating a reduction in the Fidelity Investments unique participant fee will achieve a net 10-year savings of \$1.5 million.
- By leveraging Shared Services multi-campus buying power, OU's
 Microsoft Campus Agreement Program has saved OU students over
 \$5.6 million in software costs in less than four years.
- Shared fiber and optics with OneNet saves \$2.1 million annually.
- OU's large-scale research data archive reduces researchers' storage costs by 85 percent compared to local disks and 93 percent compared to commercial cloud rates.
- The OU Research Cloud saves 40-70 percent off commercial cloud computing rates and 65 percent off commercial cloud storage rates.



4.5%

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Endowed Chairs and Professorships



Savings and Efficiencies

NORMAN CAMPUS INTERNAL REALLOCATIONS

FY2008 - FY2015

	PERMANENT REALLOCATIONS		ONE-TIME FUNDS RECAPTURE	
ACADEMIC & RESEARCH FUNCTIONS	\$	26,757,000	\$	12,022,000
ADMINISTRATION & EXECUTIVE AREAS		4,222,000		-
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		1,531,000		-
DEVELOPMENT, ALUMNI, STUDENT, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FUNCTIONS		778,000		-
TOTAL	\$	33,288,000	\$	12,022,000

 Self-funding the University's PPO medical plan resulted in \$14.7 million in accumulated reserves in 2015 and reduced the overall annual cost of health care premiums by \$6.4 million.

FY2015 PURCHASING SAVINGS INCLUDED:

PRICE SAVINGS THROUGH COMPETITION, NEGOTIATION	\$1,890,000
UNIVERSITYWIDE POURING RIGHTS CONTRACT REVENUE	\$1,460,000
PROCUREMENT CARD REBATE	\$500,100
PRICE ACTUALLY PAID VERSUS LIST PRICE	\$56,200
E&I PURCHASING COOPERATIVE PATRONAGE REFUND	\$25,800

- The number of degree-seeking international students grew from 1,419 in fall 2012 to 1,736 in fall 2015, resulting in additional revenue of
 \$3.5 million.
- The "Live On, University" campaign raises funds to support student scholarships, teaching fellowships, classrooms and laboratories.

NORMAN CAMPUS RECYCLING 2015



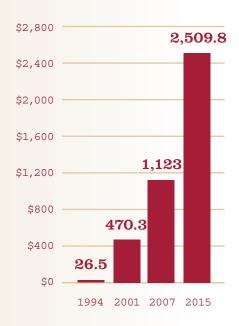


4.5%

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Cumulative Fiscal Year Cash and In-kind Gifts

(in millions)



Savings and Efficiencies

 The University has saved more than \$28 million by closely monitoring interest rate trends and refinancing bond issues.

BOND ISSUE NET PRESENT VALUE SAVINGS

1998 MULTIPLE FACILITY REVENUE BONDS	\$795,000	(4.2%)
1999 UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS	\$1,756,000	(8.3%)
2000 OKLAHOMA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS	\$359,000	(4.0%)
2001 STUDENT USAGE FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS	\$337,000	(4.0%)
2001 ATHLETIC FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS	\$550,000	(4.0%)
2001 AND 2004 PARKING SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS	\$2,197,000	(9.8%)
2002A AND 2002B ATHLETIC FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS	\$3,046,000	(4.8%)
2002 STUDENT HOUSING REVENUE BONDS	\$1,281,000	(21.8%)
2003 RESEARCH FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS	\$3,927,000	(15.2%)
2003 MULTIPLE FACILITY REVENUE BONDS	\$3,457,000	(13.1%)
2003A/2003B OKLA. DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS	\$274,000	(4.5%)
2004 STUDENT HOUSING REVENUE BONDS	\$9,065,000	(13.4%)
2004 RESEARCH FACILITY REVENUE BONDS	\$975,000	(6.6%)

- Cuts to non-academic units between FY2008 and FY2016 returned
 \$8 million to the central budget for academic priorities.
- In recent years, competitive solicitations, negotiations and cooperative and group purchasing saved an estimated \$28.9 million.
- From 2012 to 2016, the University's Shared Services initiative saved
 \$3.5 million by negotiating new contracts, achieving better volume discounts and pooling licenses across campuses.

Business Analytics

OU is a national leader in higher education in using data analytics to identify efficiencies, cost savings and new strategic opportunities. Recent initiatives include:

- Identifying high-turnover employee positions and departments and uncovering practices to reduce turnover and associated high costs
- Developing a student feedback system to improve the student experience and, ultimately, graduation rates
- Using graduation likelihood predictions to better coach and support at-risk students and help determine effective scholarship funding allocations



4.3%

(projected)

Savings and Efficiencies

- OU is exploring the concept of entering into a public/private alliance
 to develop an on-campus neighborhood for students, faculty, staff and
 alumni. The alliance has the potential to contribute millions of dollars
 in new revenue for the University.
- Hedging fuel costs regarding utility needs will reduce FY2017 costs by \$868,000.
- \$ Savings from the Special Voluntary Retirement Incentive announced in January 2016 are **expected** to total \$10 million.
- Improving facilities and renegotiating utility rates will save an
 estimated average of \$1.5 million per year with a 20-year savings
 of \$30.3 million.
- The University will continue to maintain a hiring freeze that carefully regulates all hiring needs.
- Savings from departmental reductions in travel and purchases, plus not filling vacant faculty and staff positions, will **save \$10 million**.
- % A 3 percent decrease in the salaries of University executive officers and deans will **save \$287,000**.
- A new nine-month option for hourly staff positions will save an estimated \$200,000.
- Upon completing refinancing of 2006A General Revenue Refunding Bonds, the University expects to realize net present value savings of more than \$14 million or 16.7 percent of refunded bonds.
- In 2016, the University will pilot an online faculty search tool that
 is expected to reduce time spent reviewing applicant materials and
 completing internal hiring and compliance forms.
- Diversifying housing rates has the potential to contribute an additional \$100,000 in housing revenues annually.
- Standardization within new data centers has allowed the University to consolidate technologies onto shared platforms, generating cost savings of \$1.7 million from 2012 to 2016.

