

# Center for Student Affairs Research

# NEWSLETTER

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A Statewide Consortium Devoted to the Practice of and Research in Student Affairs

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## **Guiding Philosophy:**

The overriding philosophy of the Center is to assist COSA and participating institutions with data, information, and expertise necessary to design and implement self-improvement mechanisms in the student affairs and related areas. The Center is intended as a statewide consortium designed to foster the spirit of ownership and cooperation in handling mutual issues of critical importance to student affairs in the state.

## **Objectives of the Center:**

The Center is designed to serve at least four key objectives: (1) To serve as a clearinghouse for comparative student data in the consortium; (2) To serve as a research center for analyzing and disseminating research information about all types of college students; (3) To serve as a training center for student leaders, student personnel administrators, college planners, and policy makers; and (4) To serve a consultative function to resolve problems on individual campuses in the consortium.

## **Plans for the Upcoming Academic Year:**

### Statewide Research Project

With the main aim of benefiting all participating institutions in the consortium, CSAR will be working with all institutions and administering a significant statewide project dealing with issues related to credit card use among college students. This is an important study with national implications. There will be no participating fees for institutions which are already members of the consortium.

### Individualized Projects

CSAR continues to work, on a case-by-case basis, with any institution in the consortium interested in exploring research topics of special interest or significance to its campus. The standard fee is a nominal \$200 per project, plus some operating expenses. Other expenses will be borne by the Center.

### Statewide Summer Institute

With clear interest, need, support, and direction from COSA, the Center can work toward developing a summer institute with a thematic focus on significant and timely issues in student affairs.

## **Institutional Membership:**

The Center is actively soliciting institutional membership into the consortium. The Center's future plans and activities are dependent on this source of revenue. To show that you share the vision of the Center, please fill out the invoice prepared for your convenience.

## **Questions or More Information:**

For further information or questions about the Center and its activities, please contact David Tan (dtan@ou.edu, 405-325-5986), Myron Pope (myronp@ou.edu, 405-325-2712), or Becky Reed (rreed@ou.edu, 325-4020). More information about the Center can be found at <http://www.ou.edu/education/csar>.