



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OKLAHOMA INTERCOLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE

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Honorable Delegates and Members,

There has been another official legally binding opinion requested. The question submitted is “Can online universities be member institutions? Can a student taking online classes from an Oklahoma college qualify as a member?”

My opinion on the first question is yes, but under one stipulation. Article One, Section Three of the Constitution states that “Each institution of higher education, public or private, in the State of Oklahoma shall be eligible for membership in the organization.” So, if the online university is based out of the State of Oklahoma, then yes they may be admitted as member institutions.

My opinion on the second question is yes. Title Seven, Chapter Two, Section 200, Sub-Section B states that “A “delegate” shall be defined as anyone currently enrolled in six (6) hours of undergraduate or three (3) hours of post-graduate classes at the member institution they represent at OIL during the semester in which OIL session falls.” So, provided that they fit the requirements as stated under Title Seven of the OIL Statutes, and that the institution is a place of higher education, public or private, they shall be considered delegates, and therefore a member of the Organization.

Respectfully,

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