POLICY

1.01 OSU Institute of Technology (OSUIT) recognizes its obligation as a publicly supported institution for higher learning in Oklahoma to make its facilities available, not only to its students, faculty and staff, but to the general public as well.

1.02 OSUIT recognizes, however, that a person's presence on the campus must have some official purpose consistent with the overall mission of the institution. University facilities are not available to persons whose presence is deemed to be disruptive or unproductive.

1.03 The 1969 Oklahoma Legislature, by the enactment of Enrolled Senate Bill Number 340, recognized that from time to time persons would appear on college campuses in this state for the express purpose of creating a disruption, either on an active or passive basis. Therefore, the legislature provided a misdemeanor penalty for any non-student who failed to leave the campus after an order by the President or designated representatives.

PROCEDURES

2.01 OSUIT, realizing the legislative intent in this measure, will conform to its terms to the strictest degree and will utilize this Act as deemed necessary to ask non-students to leave the campus when those persons are in violation of Senate Bill 340.

2.02 The OSUIT police department is authorized by Oklahoma State Law (21 O.S. § 1376) to remove non-students from OSUIT property for a period not to exceed 6 months.

A. The reasons for this removal can be for the following:

1. Interferes with the peaceful conduct of activities at an institution of learning

2. Commits an act which interferes with the peaceful conduct of activities at an institution of learning

3. Enters the institution of learning for the purpose of committing an act which may interfere with the peaceful conduct of activities at an institution of learning

B. Any person to whom this section applies who fails to leave the institution of learning as directed or returns within six (6) months thereafter, without first obtaining written
permission from the chief administrative officer or anyone designated by the chief administrative officer or the governing board of the institution of learning, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

C. “Interferes with the peaceful conduct” includes actions that directly interfere with classes, study, student or faculty safety, housing or parking areas, or extracurricular activities; threatening or stalking any person; damaging or causing waste to any property belonging to another person or the institution of learning; or direct interference with administration, maintenance or security of property belonging to the institution of learning.

D. The governing board of each institution of learning shall establish a grievance or appeals procedure and an opportunity for hearing for persons who have been required to leave the institution pursuant to this section. Any person removed from the institution pursuant to this section shall be given written notice of the procedure for requesting a hearing and filing a grievance or appeal.