

September 22, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents of University of Texas System Institutions
Campus Student Government Leaders

FROM: Dr. David B. Prior, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Selection of a Student Regent

In 2005, the 79th Texas Legislature authorized the Governor to appoint a nonvoting student regent for each university or university system. To aid the Governor in his selection, the chancellor of each university system must recommend students based on applications submitted by each president on behalf of the institution's student government organization. Dr. Shine, Chancellor ad interim, has asked that the Office of Academic Affairs work with each institution in the selection process.

Attached are the application materials to be used by all institutions within The University of Texas System. Included in this packet is the UT System Application for Student Regent, the Office of the Governor Appointment Application, and a list of required activities. On or before November 1st of each year, student government bodies shall solicit applicants for the position of student regent using this application form. Up to five applicants chosen by student government from each institution must be forwarded by the president to Dr. Pedro Reyes, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, no later than December 15, 2008. All other applications must be sent to the campus president's office and retained until the student regent is named. The Office of Academic Affairs will review and make recommendations to Dr. Shine. Dr. Shine shall select two or more applicants to send to the Governor no later than February 1st. The Governor may request an applicant to submit additional information before making the appointment on June 1, 2009. The student regent will serve a one-year term expiring on May 31, 2010.

Before forwarding the five applications to the UT System, please have each one certified by the registrar's office as being "in good standing." The campus definition of "good standing" should be used. Once appointed, the student regent must remain enrolled at the institution during the full term and maintain a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to continue eligibility.

Attachments

Cc: Dr. Kenneth I. Shine
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