

**1. Title**

Student Participation in Selection and Monitoring of Food Service Contractors

**2. Rule and Regulation**

Sec. 1 Establishment of Policies. As required by the *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.945](#), each U. T. System general academic institution and each health institution which offers degree programs shall include as part of the respective institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*, a policy and procedure for student participation in the selection and monitoring of food service vendors which contract to provide regular and ongoing food or beverage services for students. The policies, at a minimum, shall provide for:

- 1.1 Input on Initial Selection or Renewal. Meaningful input from student patrons in the initial selection or the renewal of a contract of a food service vendor, including input in the development of desired qualifications of food service providers.
- 1.2 Continued Input. Inclusion in a food service contract of a commitment by the vendor to hold periodic meetings or forums for student patrons to discuss the performance of the food service provider.

Sec. 2 Services Covered. The policies are intended to cover contracts for food and beverage services located in or in conjunction with student unions, residence halls, or campus-wide cafeterias, and contracts for vending machine food and beverage services. Contracts with vendors for concessions at athletic facilities, food services for special events, hospital food services, or faculty/staff dining facilities do not require policies for student involvement.

Sec. 3 Required Approval. The institutional policies and procedures, which implement this requirement, are subject to approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor for inclusion in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

**3. Definitions**

None

**4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes**

*Texas Education Code* [Section 51.945](#) – Student Participation in Selection of Food Service Contracts

**5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms**

None

**6. Who Should Know**

Administrators  
Students

**7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule**

Office of Academic Affairs  
Office of Health Affairs

**8. Dates Approved or Amended**

December 10, 2004

**9. Contact Information**

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