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1. Title

Rule on *Rules and Regulations*

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 The Regents' *Rules and Regulations* are the official repository of policies and procedures established for The University of Texas System by the Board of Regents. The Regents' *Rules and Regulations* may be amended by a majority of all of the members of the Board at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

Sec. 2 The Regents' *Rules and Regulations* are intended to be written such that they do not add administrative burden to compliance and that they provide the proper degree of autonomy to institutions of the U. T. System.

Sec. 3 Each Rule will include the following paragraphs:

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| Number 1. | Title |
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Rules and regulations will be placed within one of the nine Series of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*:

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- Series 60000: Development
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Sec. 4 To ensure that the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* provide the proper degree of autonomy to the U. T. System or any of the institutions, the following guidelines should be considered when drafting or amending the rules:

- 4.1 The rule should help ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, promote operational efficiencies, enhance the mission, or reduce institutional risks of the U. T. System or any of the institutions.
- 4.2 The rule should establish a governing principle that has Systemwide application.
- 4.3 The rule should communicate an important governing principle rather than specifying operational detail.
- 4.4 The rule should avoid dictating policy or procedure that could be better determined by an institution.
- 4.5 The rule should avoid restating a law or regulation.

Sec. 5 Every employee has the right to propose changes in policies and procedures and to present arguments in support thereof.

- 5.1 Proposals should originate and follow routines as prescribed in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* or in an institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.
- 5.2 When a proposal has been approved or amended by the appropriate institutional officials, faculties, and the institution's president, it shall then go to the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor for recommendation to the Board if such action is required.
- 5.3 When a proposal has been approved, amended, or rejected by the appropriate institutional officials, faculties, or the institution's president, any employee or group of employees may present an appeal in opposition to the action of the majority or in opposition to the recommendation of the institutional official or the institutional president, and this appeal, accompanied by

reasons for and against the proposal, shall go through the prescribed administrative channels and shall be presented through the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor to the Chancellor and thence to the Board for final action. The deans and other institutional officials, the institutional president, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, and the Board may invite both sides for personal conferences and discussions.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Employees
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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1. Title

Board Authority and Duties

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Authority of the Board. The Legislature, which is given the duty and authority to provide for the maintenance, support, and direction of The University of Texas by [Article VII, Section 10](#) of the Texas Constitution, has delegated the power and authority to govern, operate, support, and maintain The University of Texas System to the Board of Regents. (See *Texas Education Code* [Section 65.11](#) et seq. and [Section 51.352](#).) Texas court cases construing these statutes have held that the Board has wide discretion in exercising its power and authority and that the rules adopted by the Board have the same force as statutes. The System's lands and buildings are State of Texas property subject to the control of the Board as the State's agent.

Sec. 2 Amendment or Suspension of Rules. The Regents' *Rules and Regulations* may be added to, amended, waived, or suspended by a majority of all of the members of the Board of Regents present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

Sec. 3 Duties and Responsibilities of Each Regent.

3.1 In carrying out the duties and responsibilities referenced in Section 1 above, it is the responsibility of each Regent to be knowledgeable in some detail regarding the operations, management, finances, and effectiveness of the academic, research, and public service programs of the U. T. System, and each member of the Board of Regents has the right and authority to inform himself/herself as to the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the member. Members of the Board of Regents are to be provided access to such information as will enable them to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as Regents of the U. T. System.

3.2 Information requests for data or for the compilation of information by an individual member of the Board will be processed in compliance with Regents' Rule 10801 concerning Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information.

- 3.3 A Regent may not publicly disclose information that is confidential by law, unless disclosure is required by law or made pursuant to a vote of the Board to waive an applicable privilege.

In addition, the use or disclosure of information that has not been made public may implicate the provisions of *Texas Penal Code* [Section 39.06](#) (Misuse of Official Information).

- 3.4 Members of the Board shall bring concerns about operations, accountability, compliance, or the need for an investigation to the Chancellor, Chairman, Board, or an appropriate Committee of the Board.
- 3.5 Members of the Board will at all times respect the role of the Chancellor as the chief executive officer of the U. T. System and will at all times respect management and reporting lines for U. T. System and institutional employees.
- 3.6 Each member of the Board must attend an intensive short orientation course as required by *Texas Education Code* [Section 61.0841](#) developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and training sponsored or coordinated by the Office of the Governor on the first opportunity after taking the oath of office. No member of the Board may vote on a budgetary or personnel matter until the intensive short course is completed.

Sec. 4 Board Self-Evaluation. To assess the effectiveness of the Board of Regents as a whole, the Board will continue to regularly define and evaluate its responsibilities and expectations as follows:

- 4.1 The Board will conduct a self-evaluation of its responsibilities and expectations at least every two years. The Board may also choose to engage in an additional self-evaluation upon the election of a new Chairman.
- 4.2 The self-evaluation will include assessments regarding
- (a) Board organization, leadership, and committee responsibilities and structure;
 - (b) Board orientation and ongoing education;

- (c) Board fiduciary oversight of U. T. System and the U. T. institutions;
- (d) Board's role in establishing policy;
- (e) Board's oversight of the Chancellor as chief executive officer of the U. T. System; and
- (f) Board's method for identifying and addressing potential Regental conflicts of interest.

Sec. 5 Communication with Faculty, Staff, and Administration. Members of the Board of Regents are to be provided access to such personnel as in their individual judgments will enable them to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as Regents of the U. T. System.

5.1 The regular channel of communication from members of the Board to the faculty, staff, and administration is through the Chancellor, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the president of the institution involved, and a copy of any communication sent by a Regent directly to any member of the faculty, staff, or administration should be furnished to the Chancellor, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the president of the institution involved; however, individual Board members are not precluded from direct participation and communication with the presidents, faculty, staff, and students of the U. T. System.

5.2 Official materials for members of the Board of Regents shall be sent to the Office of the Board of Regents for distribution to the Board.

Sec. 6 Public Statements on Controversial Matters. The Board of Regents acts to determine the official position of the U. T. System or the Board of Regents on matters of an obviously controversial nature.

6.1 Statements on such matters on behalf of the Board or the U. T. System shall be made by the Chairman of the Board or the Chancellor.

6.2 Except as allowed in this Rule, no Regent, officer, or employee shall make or issue any public statement on an obviously controversial subject which might reasonably be construed as a statement of the official position of the U. T. System or the Board of Regents without the

advance approval of the Board. Each institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures* may specify the institutional officers authorized to speak on behalf of the institution.

- 6.3 It is not the intent of this policy statement to stifle the right of freedom of speech of anyone speaking in a personal capacity where that person makes it clear by an express statement that he or she is not speaking for the U. T. System or the Board of Regents.
- 6.4 Except in unusual circumstances, Regents are expected to coordinate media contacts with and to provide advance notice to the U. T. System Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services regarding any media contacts and press statements.

Sec. 7 Records and Information Management. Members of the Board of Regents shall comply with the Systemwide policies regarding records retention and information management, including System Administration policies on encryption, retention, destruction, and release of documents.

- 7.1 In addition to required training under State law, each member of the Board will be provided training on records and document management, including compliance with U. T. System records and retention policies.
- 7.2 U. T. System Administration will provide a U. T. System email address and account to each Regent at the beginning of service as a member of the Board of Regents. Members of the Board are expected to use U. T. System email addresses for all communications related to public business or public policy over which the Board of Regents has supervision or control.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Constitution [Article VII, Section 10](#) – Establishment of University

Texas Education Code [Section 61.0841](#) – Intensive Short Course for Appointed Members of Governing Boards

Texas Education Code [Section 65.11](#) – Board of Regents

Texas Education Code [Section 51.352](#) – Responsibility of Governing Boards

Texas Government Code [Section 551.006](#) – Written Electronic Communications Accessible to Public

Texas Penal Code [Section 39.06](#) – Misuse of Official Information

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10403](#) – Board Meeting Accessibility and Public Participation

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10801](#) – Policy on Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 115](#) – Records and Information Management Policy

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 139](#) – Texas Public Information Act

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 165](#) – Information Resources Use and Security Policy

6. Who Should Know

Board of Regents
Administration
Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Chairman and Vice Chairmen

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Composition. Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 65.11](#) the Board of Regents is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for staggered terms of six years each, the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of odd-numbered years.

Sec. 2 Election of the Chairman. The Chairman of the Board of Regents shall be elected by the Board from its number, shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, and shall report to and be responsible to the Board. In case of the death, resignation, disability, removal, or disqualification of the Chairman, the Board shall elect a successor Chairman as soon as practicable. Election of the Chairman shall take place during the February meeting held in odd-numbered years or, if new members of the Board have not been appointed and received the consent of the Senate, at the next available opportunity.

2.1 Duties and Responsibilities of the Chairman. The duties and responsibilities of the Chairman shall include the following:

- (a) The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Board.
- (b) The Chairman shall be authorized to call special meetings of the Board.
- (c) The Chairman shall appoint the standing committees of the Board and such special committees as the Board may authorize.
- (d) The Chairman shall appoint ad hoc committees as necessary to address special issues.
- (e) The Chairman shall be a nonvoting *ex officio* member of all standing and special committees of the Board.
- (f) The Chairman, as the Board's elected leader, serves as the day-to-day administrative leader of the Board.

Sec. 3 Vice Chairmen. Vice Chairmen of the Board of Regents shall be elected by the Board from its number when the Chairman is elected and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. At the election, the Board shall designate which Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of Chairman in case of the absence, death, resignation, disability, removal, or disqualification of the Chairman. In case of the absence, death, resignation, disability, removal, or disqualification of the Chairman, the designated Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman until the Chairman shall resume his or her office or a successor Chairman shall have been elected as herein provided. Upon the death, resignation, disability, or removal of a Vice Chairman, the Board shall elect a successor Vice Chairman as soon as practicable.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.11](#) – Board of Regents

Texas Education Code [Section 65.12](#) – Qualifications and Terms

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10401](#) – Meetings of the Board and Standing Committees

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10801](#) – Policy on Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information

6. Who Should Know

Board of Regents

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

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1. Title

General Counsel to the Board of Regents

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 General Counsel to the Board of Regents. The General Counsel to the Board of Regents is the principal officer to the Board in the administration of the responsibilities of the Office of the Board of Regents and the principal staff officer to each member of the Board of Regents in the discharge of his or her responsibilities. In addition to the specific duties and responsibilities set forth in Section 3 below, the General Counsel to the Board shall advise the Board regarding the design and implementation of policies and procedures by which the Board of Regents may more effectively fulfill its responsibilities regarding the governance and management of The University of Texas System and shall provide legal counsel on issues such as open meetings, public information, and standards of conduct.

Sec. 2 Appointment. The General Counsel to the Board shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Regents in office and shall hold office without fixed term, subject to the pleasure of the Board. The General Counsel to the Board shall report to and be responsible to the Board.

Sec. 3 The duties and responsibilities of the General Counsel to the Board shall include the following:

- 3.1 Supervise. The General Counsel to the Board shall supervise the Office of the Board of Regents and the U. T. System Audit Office.
- 3.2 Meetings. The General Counsel to the Board shall make preparations, including Regental travel arrangements, for all meetings of the Board and its committees.
- 3.3 The Agenda. Under the direction of the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of a standing committee, the General Counsel to the Board shall prepare and distribute the Agenda and necessary supporting documentation for all meetings of the Board and its committees.

- 3.4 Open Meetings Act. Under the direction of the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of a standing committee, the General Counsel to the Board shall post notices of all meetings and the subject matter thereof as may be required under law.
- 3.5 Minutes. The General Counsel to the Board shall oversee preparation of and sign the official Minutes of the Board and its committees.
- 3.6 Official Documents. The General Counsel to the Board shall oversee filing in the Office of the Board of Regents all official documents, correspondence, and proceedings of the Board and its committees.
- 3.7 Seal. The custody of the official seal of the System shall be with the General Counsel to the Board.
- 3.8 Rules and Regulations. The General Counsel to the Board shall be charged with the responsibility of keeping current the Official Copy of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* and accessible on the web. Administrative officers will be notified of any changes or additions to the rules as soon as possible after the meeting at which they were adopted.
 - (a) The General Counsel to the Board is authorized to make minor and non-substantive editorial changes to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* enacted by the Board as necessary to keep the *Rules* current and correct. In the event such editorial changes are necessary, the General Counsel to the Board will ensure that members of the Board, administrative officers, and members of the public have ready access to the current version of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*.
- 3.9 Reports. As directed by the Board of Regents, the General Counsel to the Board shall:
 - (a) Define and establish routine reporting mechanisms, including determining the Board's information requirements; structuring reporting procedures; gathering and summarizing reports and data for presentation to the Board on a routine basis; and

(b) Prepare special reports, including requesting and gathering data from the U. T. System and any of the institutions; conducting necessary analyses of data; and summarizing facts and presenting reports for the Board's consideration.

3.10 Other Duties. In addition, the General Counsel to the Board shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Regents or as are usual and customary and which assist the members of the Board in the discharge of their official duties.

Sec. 4 The Executive Director for Board Services, Associate General Counsels to the Board, and the Secretary to the Board shall be appointed by the General Counsel to the Board after consultation with the Chairman of the Board, and shall have such duties and responsibilities as shall be delegated by the General Counsel to the Board.

Sec. 5 The Secretary to the Board shall have such duties and responsibilities as shall be delegated by the General Counsel to the Board including the following:

5.1 Minutes. The Secretary to the Board shall record and prepare the official Minutes and certified agendas of closed sessions of the Board and its committees. The official copy of the Minutes of the Board and its committees shall be kept in the Office of the Board of Regents, and certified excerpts from these Minutes shall be prepared by the Secretary to the Board as requested.

5.2 Official Documents. The Secretary to the Board shall keep on file, archive, and preserve all official documents, correspondence, and proceedings of the Board and its committees and task forces.

5.3 Seal. The Secretary to the Board shall affix such official seal to, and attest, all documents executed in the name of the Board that require attestation.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Policies and Procedures for Board and Standing Committee Meetings

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Regular Meetings of the Board. Regular meetings of the Board of Regents shall be held at such times and places as the Chairman of the Board shall designate.
- Sec. 2 Special Meetings of the Board. Special meetings of the Board of Regents shall be held upon the call of the Chairman, or upon the written request of not less than five members of the Board. Written notification of the time, place, and purpose of a special meeting will be provided by the General Counsel to the Board to each member of the Board at least three days before the time of the meeting.
- Sec. 3 Regular Meetings of Standing Committees. Regular meetings of standing committees of the Board of Regents shall be held in conjunction with regular meetings of the Board.
- Sec. 4 Special Meetings of Standing Committees. Special meetings of standing committees shall be held upon the call of the Chairman of the Committee, upon the call of the Chairman of the Board of Regents, or upon the written request of a majority of the membership of the Committee. Written notification of the time, place, and purpose of a special meeting will be provided to each member of the Board at least three days before the time of the meeting, when possible.
- Sec. 5 Importance of Attendance. Recognizing the broad authority and responsibility vested in the Board of Regents for the governance and operation of The University of Texas System, there is a specific expectation that members of the Board understand and recognize the importance of attendance at Board and committee meetings and will make a sincere commitment to attend as many of these as possible.
- Sec. 6 Rules of Order. *Robert's Rules of Order*, when not in conflict with the provisions of these *Rules and Regulations*, shall be the rules of parliamentary procedure when the Board or any of its committees is in session.

- Sec. 7 Confidentiality of Executive Session. The Board recognizes the importance of the confidentiality of executive session discussions as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act. In compliance with State law, the Board has determined that the only recording or notes that document executive session discussions may be a certified agenda or a recording prepared by Board Office staff. Other recordings, notes, or third party communications that document executive session discussions are not authorized.
- Sec. 8 Agenda. Each matter to be considered at a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board as an Agenda Item shall be accompanied by a summary of the facts pertaining thereto, the need for action thereon, and the recommendations of the Chancellor, and the Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, and/or president of an institution involved, where appropriate. Where contractual awards are involved, the summary shall show the method of competition, if any, the names and offers of all interested parties, and generally sufficient information to show the reasons for and fairness of each transaction.
- 8.1 Except in the case of an emergency, all proposals that are to be considered by the Board or a committee of the Board shall be presented to System Administration in sufficient time to allow review prior to transmittal to the General Counsel to the Board of Regents.
- 8.2 The Agenda Book for a Board meeting shall be provided to each member of the Board approximately two weeks in advance of the meeting, to the extent possible.
- 8.3 Consent Agenda. A compilation of matters required to be approved by or reported to the Board via a Consent Agenda format shall be prepared as directed and approved by the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellors, and Vice Chancellors, as appropriate.
- Sec. 9 Matters Referred to Committees. To the extent practicable, all subjects and matters requiring Board action shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee for consideration and recommendation before action is taken by the Board. If the matter could be considered by more than one committee, the Chairman of the Board will determine the appropriate referral.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 551](#) – Open Meetings

[Robert's Rules of Order](#)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Committees and Other Appointments

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Standing Committees. The following committees shall be standing committees of the Board of Regents to consider policies for the government of all major areas: (a) Finance and Planning Committee; (b) Academic Affairs Committee; (c) Health Affairs Committee; (d) Facilities Planning and Construction Committee; and (e) Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee:

- 1.1 Composition and Quorum of Standing Committees. Each standing committee is composed of not less than four members of the Board of Regents appointed by the Chairman. In the unanticipated absence of a quorum, the Chairman or Committee Chairman may appoint another member(s) of the Board to serve in a temporary capacity on the Committee.
- 1.2 Appointment of Committee Chairman. The Chairman of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents shortly after his or her election, by and with the consent of the Board, and shall remain as Chairman of the standing committee (unless a vacancy shall be caused by death, resignation, or refusal of some member of a committee to act) until the succeeding Board Chairman shall reconstitute the committees.
- 1.3 Vacancy by Committee Chairman. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship of any standing committee, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall appoint another member of the Board to serve as Chairman of the standing committee, by and with the consent of the Board.
- 1.4 Authority of Standing Committees. The authority of standing committees of the Board of Regents shall be subject to action of the whole Board. The committees' actions must be ratified by the Board before they shall become effective.

- 1.5 Duties of the Finance and Planning Committee. The Finance and Planning Committee shall:
- (a) Continue long-range planning activities, including institutionalization of the planning process, development of related plan implementation policies and procedures for the U. T. System and any of the institutions, and providing coordination of related legislative issues.
 - (b) Review and make recommendations to the Board as appropriate on matters related to business affairs such as: operating budget; debt financing transactions and issues concerning the Permanent University Fund, including administering standards for resource allocation; the University Lands Office; Systemwide and self-insured insurance programs; and special task forces, initiatives, and commissions for the U. T. System and any of the institutions.
 - (c) Review and recommend to the Board as appropriate on issues and activities related to The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO).
- 1.6 Duties of the Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee. The Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee (ACRMC) shall:
- (a) Provide strategic oversight and direction to Systemwide internal audit activities, a primary source of independent and objective risk information.
 - (b) Conduct appointment, evaluation, and dismissal duties, specifically:
 - i. Approve the appointment of System Administration and institutional audit committee chairs. By extension, this recognizes the role of the System Administration and institutional audit committees as risk advisors to the ACRMC and their authority derived from the Board of Regents.
 - ii. Take personnel actions regarding appointment and dismissal of the U. T. System Chief Audit Executive

following recommendations by the General Counsel to the Board of Regents and the Chancellor. The U. T. System Chief Audit Executive shall hold office subject to the pleasure of the ACRMC.

- iii. Perform the annual evaluation of the U. T. System Chief Audit Executive.
 - iv. Provide concurrence with any president's appointment and dismissal of institutional chief audit executives with advice and recommendation from the U. T. System Chief Audit Executive.
- (c) Consider, review, and when appropriate refer to the full Board of Regents matters regarding the activities of the Office of Systemwide Compliance, as an integral component of Systemwide risk oversight.
 - (d) Be primarily responsible for the Systemwide risk oversight function of the Board of Regents. Provide relevant information from risk management activities, risk assessments and reviews, and reports both internal and external to the Board of Regents.
 - (e) Consider, review, and when appropriate refer to the full Board of Regents matters regarding the activities of the Office of Risk Management, Office of Information Security, and any other management function with a significant Systemwide risk oversight role.
 - (f) Consider, review, and recommend to the full Board of Regents factors to be considered in establishing Board and Board Committee risk tolerance and risk mitigation strategies.
- 1.7 Duties of the Academic Affairs Committee. The Academic Affairs Committee shall:
- (a) Report to the Board on the instructional, research, and professional service programs and activities of the general academic institutions.

- (b) Report to the Board on policies relating to soliciting and securing gifts for the University's general academic institutions.
 - (c) Consider and report to the Board on matters affecting the libraries of the general academic institutions.
 - (d) Review proposed substantive changes in the doctoral degree program inventory and the academic administrative structure and recommend to the Board approval or disapproval of such changes.
 - (e) Report and recommend to the Board approval of matters related to education in the general academic institutions.
 - (f) Recommend appropriate Board action with respect to any recommendations by the Chancellor related to the appointment, promotion, and dismissal of such institutional officers as may be appropriate in the general academic institutions.
 - (g) Consider and report to the Board on matters relating to the research, training, and community service activities at the general academic institutions.
 - (h) Make recommendations concerning capital improvement priorities related to the approved missions of the general academic institutions.
 - (i) Periodically review and consider proposed changes to academic institution mission statements and make recommendations to the Board for approval.
- 1.8 The Duties of the Health Affairs Committee. The Health Affairs Committee shall:
- (a) Consider and report to the Board on matters concerned with substantive aspects of policies and programs related to the academic philosophy and objectives of the health institutions; with University relations; and with health academic planning, instruction, and research.

- (b) Report and recommend to the Board approval of matters relating to education in the health institutions.
 - (c) Recommend appropriate Board action with respect to any recommendations by the Chancellor related to the appointment, promotion, and dismissal of such institutional officers as may be appropriate in the health institutions.
 - (d) Consider and report to the Board on matters relating to the research, training, and community service activities of the health institutions.
 - (e) Consider and report to the Board on matters affecting the libraries of the health institutions.
 - (f) Report to the Board on policies relating to soliciting and securing gifts for the U. T. System's health institutions.
 - (g) With respect to each hospital, clinic, and patient-care facility owned by The University of Texas System, counsel with the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs regarding the bylaws and rules and regulations of the medical staff; and make recommendations to the Board concerning mechanisms and controls for the achievement and maintenance of high standards of professional practices in and at the hospital, clinic, or patient-care facility.
 - (h) Make recommendations concerning capital improvement priorities related to the approved missions of the health institutions.
 - (i) Periodically review and consider proposed changes to health institution mission statements and make recommendations to the Board for approval.
- 1.9 Duties of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee. The Facilities Planning and Construction Committee shall:
- (a) Consider matters relating to the acquisition and use of the grounds and buildings on campus and campus-

related real property of The University of Texas System.

- (b) Review proposed construction projects and make decisions on the selection of architects for projects determined by the Board to be of special interest; approve plans and accept bids for construction projects.
- (c) Make recommendations to the Board on the award and execution of construction and equipment contracts.
- (d) Make recommendations to the Board with respect to the naming of University buildings and other major facilities.

Sec. 2 Board for Lease of University Lands. At the first available opportunity following February 1 of each odd-numbered year, two qualified members of the Board of Regents, as specified in *Texas Education Code Section 66.62*, shall be selected by the Board, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Board of Regents, to serve on the Board for Lease of University Lands. In the event a Board member appointed to the Board for Lease of University Lands is unable to attend a regular meeting of the Board for Lease of University Lands, the Chairman may appoint, as a substitute, a qualified member of the Board of Regents to attend the meeting. The Office of Business Affairs, on behalf of the Board of Regents, will assign employees of The University of Texas System to assist the Board for Lease of University Lands in the performance of its duties and responsibilities and will consult with the Chancellor and the Office of General Counsel as necessary and appropriate. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs shall report significant activities of the Board for Lease of University Lands to the Board, as appropriate.

Sec. 3 University Lands Advisory Board. The University Lands Advisory Board (ULAB) shall be composed of the following individuals:

- five members appointed by The University of Texas System Board of Regents;
- three members appointed by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents; and

- the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

At least two of the members appointed by the U. T. Board and at least one of the members appointed by the A&M Board must be current Regents, with the ULAB Chairman to be named by the U. T. Board.

At least three of the members appointed by the U. T. Board and at least two of the members appointed by the A&M Board must have industry experience.

The ULAB will meet at least four times per year and will advise the Board of Regents on operations and management of the University Lands Office, including reviewing and recommending budgets to the Board and providing strategic direction. University Lands will continue to be managed by U. T. System.

3.1 Duties delegated to the ULAB include:

- (a) Developing and recommending policy for Board approval;
- (b) Provide advice on the approval of routine contracts and contract forms by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs;
- (c) Promulgating policies and procedures for daily operations;
- (d) Provide advice concerning staffing levels;
- (e) Advising on the strategic direction for University Lands;
- (f) Developing and recommending policy to the Board for Lease of University Lands (Board for Lease);
- (g) Recommending changes in oil and gas development terms and conditions to the Board for Lease; and
- (h) Reviewing and overseeing operations as appropriate.

3.2 The Board of Regents will retain its statutory responsibility and authority to:

- (a) Approve budgets;
- (b) Appoint members of ULAB;
- (c) Purchase and sell any property;
- (d) Approve policy recommendations and set policy for University Lands;
- (e) Approve decisions critical to the mission of University Lands, including compensation parameters;
- (f) Modify delegations to ULAB; and
- (g) Approve the hiring and compensation of the University Lands Chief Executive Officer.

Sec. 4 The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO). Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 66.08](#), the U. T. System Board of Regents shall appoint seven members of the Board of Directors of UTIMCO and two members will be appointed by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. Appointments made by U. T. System shall include three members of the Board of Regents, three individuals with a substantial background and expertise in investments, and one qualified individual, as determined by the Board. Such individual may be the Chancellor of the U. T. System. Of the two members appointed by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, at least one must have substantial background and expertise in investments.

The selection process for external members of the UTIMCO Board of Directors appointed by the U. T. System Board of Regents is as follows:

- 4.1 Soliciting of Nominations. The Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Chairman of UTIMCO send a joint letter to leaders in the public and private sector soliciting nominations. Nominations are to be provided to the Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents.
- 4.2 Advisory Committee. The Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents appoints a selection advisory committee to review nominations.

- 4.3 Recommendations. After review, the selection advisory committee makes recommendations to the Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents.
- 4.4 Background Checks. At the direction of the Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents, the Office of the Board of Regents asks individuals to complete a background questionnaire. The Office of the Board of Regents apprises those individuals of the UTIMCO Code of Ethics and disqualifications from service. Using information from the questionnaires, the Office of the Board of Regents:
 - (a) confirms the educational degrees and professional certifications.
 - (b) assures that professional licensures and certifications are in good standing.
 - (c) reviews business relationships, if any, with members of the Board of Regents or the UTIMCO Board or with U. T. System or UTIMCO; and
 - (d) initiates review by the U. T. System Director of Police of the Texas conviction database and contacts local law enforcement.
- 4.5 Interviews. The Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Chairman of UTIMCO conduct personal interviews, as needed, to assure that the nominees possess varied investment backgrounds and risk management expertise.
- 4.6 Appointment Approval. The Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents submits a recommended appointment for approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents.

Sec. 5 Athletics Liaison. The Chairman of the Board may name a member or members of the Board to serve as liaison to the Board on matters concerning intercollegiate athletics. Contacts related to institutional athletics matters made to the Athletics Liaison or Liaisons will be made in consultation with the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 66.08](#) – Investment Management

Texas Education Code [Section 66.62](#) – Board for Lease of University Lands

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 124, Criminal Background Checks](#)

UTIMCO Bylaws

UTIMCO Code of Ethics

M. D. Anderson Services Corporation Bylaws

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Board Meeting Accessibility and Public Participation

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Compliance with Open Meetings Act. Meetings of the Board of Regents shall be open to the public, unless otherwise determined by the Board, in accordance with law. Closed executive sessions may be convened as authorized by State law.
- Sec. 2 Accessibility to Board Meetings. People with disabilities interested in witnessing committee and/or Board meetings and requiring communication or other special accommodations should contact the Office of the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 3 Request to Provide Public Testimony on an Agenda Item. Members of the public are allowed to present written and oral testimony, for a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Chairman of the Board, on any topic listed on the agenda for a Committee or Board meeting that is open to the public. Testimony on topics not listed on the agenda will not be allowed. Members of the public wishing to present testimony shall provide their name and agenda topic they wish to address to the General Counsel to the Board of Regents at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Insofar as possible, any person who provides oral testimony before the Board shall provide a written statement of the substance of such person's testimony to the General Counsel to the Board in sufficient time for copies to be distributed to the Regents prior to the meeting. The Board shall consider the public testimony presented to the Board on an issue before making a decision on the issue. The Chairman or a majority of the Board may prescribe sanctions against any person exceeding established time limits or speaking on a topic not relevant to the agenda topic.
- Sec. 4 Disruption of Meetings Prohibited. The disruption of a meeting of the Board of Regents or its committees or any other meeting, procession or gathering sponsored by the Board is prohibited. A person is in violation of this provision if, with intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting of the Board, its committees or any other meeting, procession, or gathering sponsored by the Board, he obstructs or interferes with the meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance. If possible

the individual chairing the meeting or the General Counsel to the Board, other authorized University official or a law enforcement officer should clearly identify the disruptive conduct or verbal utterance and request that the person responsible for the disruption desist.

Sec. 5 Signs and Banners. Persons may display a sign at a Board or committee meeting by holding or carrying it by hand or otherwise attaching it to their person. No advance permission is required.

5.1 Any person holding or carrying a sign shall exercise due care to avoid bumping, hitting, or injuring any other person.

5.2 Any person holding or carrying a sign shall exercise due care to avoid blocking the view of any other person observing the Board or Committee meeting. This may mean that signs may be displayed only around the perimeter of a room or an audience.

5.3 No person shall display, hold or carry a sign in violation of *Texas Penal Code* [Section 42.05\(a\)](#).

Sec. 6 Report to Press on Actions of Board. Reports on actions of the Board on matters of public interest will be given to the press as promptly as possible. These press reports shall be under the direction of the Chairman of the Board of Regents, the Chancellor, or their designated representatives.

Sec. 7 Official Business. No business other than that placed on the Agenda and posted as required by law shall be officially transacted at a meeting of the Board of Regents or its committees.

3. Definitions

Sign – any method of displaying a visual message to others.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.357](#) – Public Testimony at Certain Meetings of Governing Boards of General Academic Teaching Institutions

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 551](#) – Open Meetings

Texas Penal Code [Section 42.05\(a\)](#) – Disrupting Meeting or Procession

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10101](#) – Board Authority and Duties

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10801](#) – Policy on Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information

6. Who Should Know

Board of Regents
Administration
Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Background

- 1.1 Identification of Significant Contracts or Documents. Institutional presidents and executive officers at U. T. System Administration are responsible for identifying contracts, agreements, and other documents of such significance to require the prior approval of the Board of Regents. Each such matter so identified shall be presented to the Board by the Chancellor as an agenda or Consent Agenda item at a meeting of the Board.
- 1.2 Assurance of Authority to Act. The officer or employee executing any document on behalf of the Board of Regents shall be responsible for assuring that he or she has authority to act on behalf of the Board and that such authority is exercised in compliance with applicable conditions and restrictions. Documents executed on behalf of the Board pursuant to authority granted under these *Rules and Regulations* shall not require further certification or attestation.
- 1.3 Delegation Process. The primary delegate identified in these *Rules and Regulations* or in an official Board action may further delegate his or her delegated authority to a secondary delegate unless otherwise specified. Any such further delegation of authority must be made in writing and the primary delegate shall permanently maintain, or cause to be maintained, evidence of all such delegations. A secondary delegate of the primary delegate may not further delegate such authority.
- 1.4 Delegate's Responsibilities. The primary delegate identified in these *Rules and Regulations* as authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board of Regents various types of contracts, agreements, and documents shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, necessary and proper records with regard to all contracts, agreements, and documents executed and delivered pursuant to such delegated authority, in accordance with any applicable

records retention schedule or policy adopted by the Board, the U. T. System Administration, or the institution. The primary delegate must also maintain, or cause to be maintained, sufficient accounting systems and procedures to assure that contracts, amendments, and renewals for the purchase of goods and services are presented to the Board for approval if required by these *Rules and Regulations*.

- 1.5 Actions of the Board as Trustee. Authority delegated by the Board of Regents in these *Rules and Regulations* includes actions that may be taken by the Board in its capacity as trustee of any trust to the extent such delegation is permitted by law.
- 1.6 Power to Establish Policies. No employee of the U. T. System or any of the institutions, as an individual or as a member of any association or agency, has the power to bind the System or any of the institutions unless such power has been officially conferred in advance by the Board of Regents. Any action which attempts to change the policies or otherwise bind the System or any of the institutions, taken by any individual or any association or agency, shall be of no effect whatsoever until the proposed action has been approved by the president of an institution concerned, if any, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, and ratified by the Board.

Sec. 2 Delegation

- 2.1 Compliance with Special Instructions. All authority to execute and deliver contracts, agreements, and other documents is subject to these *Rules and Regulations* and compliance with all applicable laws and special instructions or guidelines issued by the Chancellor, an Executive Vice Chancellor, and/or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel. Special instructions or guidelines by the Chancellor, an Executive Vice Chancellor, or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel may include without limitation instructions concerning reporting requirements; standard clauses or provisions; ratification or prior approval by the Board of Regents or the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor; review and

approval by the Office of General Counsel; and recordkeeping.

- 2.2 Contracts Not Requiring Board Approval. The following contracts or agreements, including purchase orders and vouchers, do not require prior approval by the Board of Regents.
 - 2.2.1 Construction Projects. Contracts, agreements, and documents relating to construction projects previously approved by the Board of Regents in the Capital Improvement Program and Capital Budget or Minor Projects.
 - 2.2.2 Construction Settlements. All settlement claims and disputes relating to construction projects to the extent funding for the project has been authorized.
 - 2.2.3 Intellectual Property. Legal documents, contracts, or grant proposals for sponsored research, including institutional support grants, and licenses or other conveyances of intellectual property owned or controlled by the Board of Regents as outlined in [Rule 90101](#) of these Rules.
 - 2.2.4 Replacements. Contracts or agreements for the purchase of replacement equipment or licensing of replacement software or services associated with the implementation of the software.
 - 2.2.5 Routine Supplies. Contracts or agreements for the purchase of routinely purchased supplies or equipment.
 - 2.2.6 Approved Budget Items. Purchases of new equipment or licensing of new software or services associated with the implementation of the software, identified specifically in the institutional budget approved by the Board of Regents.
 - 2.2.7 Group Purchases. Purchases made under a group purchasing program that follow all

applicable statutory and regulatory standards for procurement.

- 2.2.8 Loans. Loans of institutional funds to certified nonprofit health corporations, which loans have been approved as provided in The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 166, *Cash Management and Cash Handling Policy*](#) and The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 167, *Banking Services Policy*](#) concerning deposits and loans.
- 2.2.9 Certain Employment Agreements. Agreements with administrators employed by the U. T. System or any of the institutions, so long as such agreements fully comply with the requirements of *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.948](#) including the requirement to make a finding that the agreement is in the best interest of the U. T. System or any of the institutions, except those that require approval by the Board of Regents under [Rule 20204](#).
- 2.2.10 Energy Resources. Contracts or agreements for utility services or energy resources and related services, if any, which contracts or agreements have been approved in advance by the Chancellor or the Chancellor's delegate.
- 2.2.11 Library Materials and Subscriptions. Contracts or agreements for the purchase or license of library books and library materials.
- 2.2.12 Athletic employment agreements. Contracts, contract revisions, and contract extensions with athletic directors and coaches except those with total annual compensation of \$1 million or greater.
 - (a) Contracts, contract revisions, and contract extensions for individuals with total annual compensation of \$1 million or greater may be negotiated and executed by the President following consultation with the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor

for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and the Chairman of the Board of Regents and additional consultation, as requested by the Chairman, to determine if special circumstances require an offer or contract change to be made prior to a scheduled meeting of the Board and if the proposed offer or contract change is in the best interest of the institution.

- (b) Such special circumstance contracts shall be submitted to the Board for formal approval via the Consent Agenda at the next appropriate meeting of the Board as required by [Rule 20204](#) of these Rules.
- (c) Alternatively, the President may seek prior approval of the Board to negotiate with a slate of identified individuals within defined contract terms and proceed, if authorized, to hire an athletic director or coach and submit a contract for formal approval by the Board as set out in (b) above.
- (d) It is the expectation of the Board, the Chancellor, and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs that each President will assure the Chairman, the Chancellor, and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs are provided advance notice of proposed hirings and potential terms of employment related to such contracts in advance of an offer or publication or public distribution of information to allow for meaningful consultations and/or approvals.

2.2.13 Athletic Conference Memberships. Contracts related to joining or changing an institution's athletic conference membership may be negotiated and executed by the President following consultation as required by Subsection 2.2.12, above, for the determination of special circumstances. Following such consultation,

such special circumstance contracts shall be submitted to the Board for formal approval via the Consent Agenda at the next appropriate meeting of the Board.

- 2.2.14 Athletic Games. Contracts or agreements related to athletic games, including postseason bowl games. If the contract or agreement exceeds \$1 million in value, the contract or agreement must be approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and be in a form acceptable to the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.
- 2.2.15 Property or Casualty Losses. Contracts or agreements with a cost or monetary value to the U. T. System or any of the institutions in excess of \$1 million but not exceeding \$10 million associated with or related to a property or casualty loss that is expected to exceed \$1 million may be approved, executed, and delivered by the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall consult with the institutional president, if applicable.
- 2.2.16 Health Operations. Contracts or agreements for the procurement of routine services or the purchase or lease of routine medical equipment, required for the operation or support of a hospital or medical clinic, if the services or equipment were acquired through approved procurement procedures or competitively procured.
- 2.2.17 Increase in Board Approval Threshold. An institution's dollar threshold specified in Section 3.1 may be increased to up to \$5 million by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, after consultation with the General Counsel to the Board of Regents, if it is determined that the institution has the expertise to negotiate, review, and administer such contracts. Unless approved in advance by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, any increase will not apply to contracts or agreements designated as Special Procedure

Contracts by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

2.2.18 Group Employee or Student Benefits. Contracts or agreements for uniform group employee or student benefits, including those offered pursuant to [Chapter 1601](#), *Texas Insurance Code*.

2.3 Delegation of Other Matters.

2.3.1 Institutional Agreements for Dual Credit. The Board of Regents delegates the authority to approve and execute dual credit partnership agreements for the academic institutions to the presidents.

2.3.2 Construction Settlements. The Board of Regents delegates authority to execute all documents necessary or desirable to settle claims and disputes relating to construction projects to the System Administration or institution official designated in the construction contract to the extent funding for the project has been authorized.

2.3.3 Memorandum of Understanding with University-Affiliated Foundation. The Board of Regents delegates authority to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between U. T. System or a U. T. System institution and an affiliated foundation to the institutional president or the Chancellor after approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel (see [Rule 60305](#)).

2.3.4 Strategic Plan for Research. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor the authority to submit to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the strategic plan for research for each U. T. academic institution designated by the Coordinating Board as a research university or emerging research university.

- 2.4 Signature Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor or the president of an institution authority to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board contracts, agreements, and other documents of any kind or nature, including without limitation licenses issued to the Board or an institution. In addition to other primary delegates the Board assigns in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, the Board assigns the primary delegate for signature authority for the following types of contracts.
- 2.4.1 System Administration and Systemwide Contracts. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs authority to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board contracts or agreements:
- (a) affecting only System Administration,
 - (b) binding two or more institutions of the U. T. System with the concurrence of the institutions bound, or
 - (c) having the potential to benefit more than one institution of the U. T. System so long as participation is initiated voluntarily by the institution.
- 2.4.2 Contracts Between or Among System Administration and Institutions. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs authority to execute on behalf of the Board contracts or agreements between or among System Administration and institutions of the U. T. System for resources or services. Any such contract or agreement shall provide for the recovery of the cost of services and resources furnished.
- 2.4.3 Contracts with System Administration or Between or Among Institutions. The Board of Regents delegates to the president of an institution authority to execute on behalf of the Board contracts or agreements with System

Administration or between or among institutions of the U. T. System for resources or services. Any such contract or agreement shall provide for the recovery of the cost of services and resources furnished.

2.4.4 Contracts for Legal Services and Filing of Litigation. The Board of Regents delegates to the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel authority to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board contracts for legal services and such other services as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the settlement or litigation of a dispute or claim after obtaining approvals as may be required by law. Litigation to be instituted under these contracts on behalf of the Board, System Administration, or an institution of U. T. System must have the prior approval of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

2.4.5 Settlement of Disputes. Except as provided in Section 3.6 below, the Board of Regents delegates to the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel authority to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board agreements settling any claim, dispute, or litigation. The Vice Chancellor and General Counsel shall consult with the institutional president and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor or Chancellor with regard to all settlements greater than \$150,000 that will be paid out of institutional funds. Settlements greater than \$1,000,000 will require the approval of the Board as outlined in Section 3.6 below. The Vice Chancellor and General Counsel shall consult with the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services with respect to settlement of will contests and other matters relating to gifts and bequests administered by that Office.

Sec. 3 Matters Not Delegated. The following contracts or agreements, including purchase orders or vouchers and binding letters of

intent or memoranda of understanding, must be submitted to the Board for approval or authorization:

3.1 Contracts Exceeding the Institutional Threshold.

3.1.1 All contracts or agreements, with a total cost or monetary value to the U. T. System or any of the institutions of more than the Institutional Threshold, unless exempted in Section 4 below. The total cost or monetary value of the contract includes all potential contract extensions or renewals whether automatic or by operation of additional documentation. For purposes of this Rule, any contract with unspecified cost or monetary value with a term of greater than four years is presumed to have a total value of greater than the Institutional Threshold.

3.1.2 Any amendment, extension, or renewal that increases the cost or monetary value of the original contract to more than the Institutional Threshold must be submitted to the Board for approval or authorization. Any amendment, extension, or renewal with a cost or monetary value that exceeds 25% of the cost or monetary value of the original contract approved by the Board must be submitted to the Board for approval.

3.2 Contracts with Foreign Governments. Contracts or agreements of any kind or nature, regardless of dollar amount, with a foreign government or agencies thereof, except:

- (a) affiliation agreements and cooperative program agreements, material transfer agreements, sponsored research agreements and licenses, or other conveyances of intellectual property owned or controlled by the Board of Regents prepared on an approved standard form or satisfying the requirements set by the Office of General Counsel;
- (b) agreements or contracts necessary to protect the exchange of confidential information or nonbinding letters of intent or memorandums of understanding

executed in advance of definitive agreements each as reviewed and approved by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel; and

- (c) agreements regarding cultural performances or the exchange of artistic materials where no funds are expended by the U. T. System or any of the U. T. institutions.

3.3 Contracts Involving Certain Uses of Institution Names, Trademarks, or Logos. Except as specifically allowed under existing contracts entered into between the Board of Regents and nonprofit entities supporting a U. T. System institution, agreements regardless of dollar amount that grant the right to a non-U. T. entity to use the institutional name or related trademarks or logos in association with the provision of a material medical-related service or in association with physical improvements located on property not owned or leased by the contracting U. T. System institution.

3.4 Contracts with Certain Officers. Agreements, regardless of dollar amount, with the Chancellor, a president, a former Chancellor or president, an Executive Vice Chancellor, a Vice Chancellor, the General Counsel to the Board, the Chief Audit Executive, or the Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, which are subject to the applicable provisions of *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.948](#) and Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20101](#).

3.5 Insurance Settlements.

- (a) Settlements in excess of \$1 million must have the approval of the Board.
- (b) Settlement claims from insurance on money and securities or fidelity bonds of up to \$1 million shall be approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs.
- (c) If a loss is so extensive that partial payments in excess of \$1 million are necessary, the Chancellor is delegated authority to execute all documents related to the partial payment or adjustment. Final settlement

of claims in excess of \$1 million will require approval by the Board.

3.6 Settlement of Disputes. Settlements of any claim, dispute or litigation for an amount greater than \$1 million require approval. The settlement may also be approved by the appropriate standing committee of the Board of Regents. The Vice Chancellor and General Counsel shall consult with the institution's president and appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor or Vice Chancellor with regard to all settlements in excess of \$150,000 that will be paid out of institutional funds.

3.7 Power to Authorize Expenditures. No expenditure out of funds under control of the Board shall be made and no debt or obligation shall be incurred and no promise shall be made in the name of the System or any of the institutions or of the Board of Regents by any member of the respective staffs of the U. T. System or any of the institutions except:

3.7.1 In accordance with general or special budgetary apportionments authorized in advance by the Board of Regents and entered in its minutes; or

3.7.2 In accordance with authority specifically vested by the Board of Regents in a committee of the Board; or

3.7.3 In accordance with authority to act for the Board of Regents when it is not in session, specifically vested by these *Rules and Regulations* or by special action of the Board.

Sec. 4 Exceptions. The provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Rule do not apply to any of the following:

4.1 UTIMCO. Management of assets by The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), which is governed by contract and the provisions of [Rule 70101](#), [70201](#), [70202](#), and [70401](#) of these *Rules and Regulations*.

4.2 Acceptance of Gifts. The acceptance, processing, or administration of gifts and bequests, which actions are

governed by [Rule 60101](#), [60103](#), [70101](#), and [70301](#) of these *Rules and Regulations* and applicable policies of the Board of Regents.

- 4.3 Statutory. Any power, duty, or responsibility that the Board has no legal authority to delegate, including any action that the Texas Constitution requires be taken by the Board of Regents (e.g., approval of vending machine contracts as required by *Texas Government Code Section 2203.005*).
- 4.4 Coronavirus Pandemic/Extenuating Circumstances. Effective March 27, 2020 and continuing until terminated by the Chairman, the Board of Regents delegated authority to the Chancellor to approve certain urgent contracts, agreements, and purchases and to make needed policy modifications associated with assuring response to and continuation of operations during the coronavirus pandemic. The motion delegating this authority can be found [here](#).

3. Definitions

Execute – for purposes of this Rule, the authority to negotiate, approve, and sign contracts on behalf of the Board and deliver those contracts to counter-parties.

Group Purchasing Program – for purposes of this Rule, a purchasing program established by (1) a state agency that is authorized by law to procure goods and services for other state agencies, such as the Texas Procurement and Support Services Division of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Texas Department of Information Resources, or any successor agencies, respectively; or (2) a group purchasing organization in which the institution participates, such as Novation, Premier, Western States Contracting Alliance, and U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance; or (3) the U. T. System Supply Chain Alliance.

Institutional Thresholds – the review threshold identifier for System Administration and each U. T. institution in the Board Contract Approval Threshold Table.

Settlement – the amount of the settlement shall mean the amount that might be reasonably expected to be recoverable by the U. T. System or any of the institutions but not received pursuant to the settlement or, in the

case of a claim against the U. T. System, the total settlement amount to be paid by the U. T. System.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

The Higher Education Act of 1965 ([20 U.S.C §1011f](#)) – Disclosures of Foreign Gifts

Texas Education Code [Section 51.928\(b\)](#) – Written Contracts or Agreements Between Certain Institutions

Texas Education Code [Section 51.948](#) – Restrictions on Contracts with Administrators

Texas Education Code [Section 65.31\(g\)](#) – Delegation by the Board
Texas Government Code [Section 618.001](#) – Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act

Texas Government Code [Sections 669.001 - 669.004](#) – Restrictions on Certain Actions Involving Executive Head of State Agency

Texas Government Code [Section 2203.005](#) – Vending Machines Authorized

Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1601 – Uniform Insurance Benefits Act for Employees of The University of Texas System and The Texas A&M University System

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 130, *Vending Machine Contracts*](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 145, *Processing of Contracts*](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 166, *Cash Management and Cash Handling Policy*](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 167, *Banking Services Policy*](#)

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20204](#) – Determining and Documenting the Reasonableness of Compensation

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60101](#) – Acceptance and Administration of Gifts

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60103](#) – Guidelines for Acceptance of Gifts of Real Property

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70101](#) – Authority to Accept and Manage Assets

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70201](#) – Investment Policies

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70202](#) – Interest Rate Swap Policy

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70401](#) – Oversight Responsibilities for UTIMCO

[Litigation Approval Request Form](#)

[Special Procedure Contracts](#)

[Board Contract Approval Threshold Table](#) (October 5, 2022)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Guidelines for the Santa Rita Award

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Standards. A Systemwide award that may be made annually to an individual who has made valuable contributions over an extended period to The University of Texas System in its developmental efforts. An individual is defined as a person, as opposed to a corporation, charitable trust, foundation, and like entities. The recipient may be judged on the basis of a broad list of criteria, primary among which will be a demonstrated concern for the principles of higher education generally, as well as deep commitment to the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of The University of Texas System specifically.

1.1 Participation by the recipient in the affairs of the U. T. System shall be of such character and purpose to serve as a high example of selfless and public-spirited service. Of particular interest will be the effect that such individual activity may have engendered similar motivation from other public and private areas toward the U. T. System.

Sec. 2 General Conditions. The following general conditions apply to the award:

2.1 The award, to be known as the "Santa Rita Award," will consist of a medallion to be presented no more frequently than annually.

2.2 The award shall be made on behalf of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.

2.3 An individual may receive the award only once.

2.4 Posthumous awards may be given.

2.5 No member of the Board of Regents shall be eligible to receive the Santa Rita Award until the termination of the member's service.

Sec. 3 Nominations for Awards. Nominations for the award shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Board of Regents or the General Counsel to the Board (Office of the Board of Regents,

The University of Texas System, 210 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas 78701). The nominator shall provide such supporting information and documentation as may be requested by the Chairman or the General Counsel to the Board.

Sec. 4 Selection of Awardees. Awards shall be made, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Board following consultation with others including the Chancellor and other appropriate U. T. System officials, by a majority vote of members present at a Board of Regents' meeting at which a quorum is present.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Compliance with Laws Related to Race, Color, National Origin, Ethnicity, Religion, Sex, Age, Veteran Status, or Disability

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 To the extent provided by applicable law, no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity sponsored or conducted by The University of Texas System or any of the institutions, on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

Sec. 2 Unless required by federal law or permitted by, [Tex. S.B. 17, 88th Leg. R.S.](#) (to be codified as *Texas Education Code* Section 51.3525), an institution may not maintain a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) office or engage in other conduct prohibited by [Tex. S.B. 17, 88th Leg. R.S.](#) (to be codified as *Texas Education Code* Section 51.3525) and must adopt policies and procedures for appropriately disciplining an employee or contractor of the institution who engages in prohibited conduct.

The Board authorizes the Chancellor to submit required reports to the Texas Legislature and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board each fiscal year certifying compliance with [Tex. S.B. 17, 88th Leg. R.S.](#) (to be codified as *Texas Education Code* Section 51.3525), to testify before legislative committees regarding compliance with [Tex. S.B. 17, 88th Leg. R.S.](#) (to be codified as *Texas Education Code* Section 51.3525), and to take other actions needed to ensure compliance with [Tex. S.B. 17, 88th Leg. R.S.](#) (to be codified as *Texas Education Code* Section 51.3525).

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[The United States Constitution, 14th Amendment](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, [20 U.S.C. §1681](#) et seq., and its implementing regulation at [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, [29 U.S.C. §794](#), and its implementing regulation at [34 C.F.R. Part 104](#), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, [38 U.S.C. §4331](#) et seq., and its implementing regulation at [20 CFR Part 1002](#), which prohibit discrimination based on veteran status

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, [42 U.S.C. §2000d](#) et seq. and its implementing regulation at [34 C.F.R. Part 100](#), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, [42 U.S.C. §2000e](#) et seq. and its implementing regulation at [29 C.F.R. Part 1601](#), which prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or religion

[The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §6101](#) et seq., and its implementing regulation at [34 C.F.R. Part 110](#), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, [42 U.S.C. §12132](#), and its implementing regulation at [28 C.F.R. Part 35](#), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability

[Tex. S.B. 17, 88th Leg. R.S.](#) (to be codified as *Texas Education Code* Section 51.3525)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30107](#) – Veteran's Employment Preferences

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 105](#), *Sexual Orientation Nondiscrimination Policy*

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 197](#), *Compliance with State Law Regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Institutions of Higher Education*

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Policy on Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 The Board of Regents and U. T. System Administration are committed to enhancing transparency, accountability, and access and disclosure of information to the public, the media, elected and appointed state and federal officials, and executive policy makers.
- Sec. 2 To assist in achieving these goals, the Board wishes to provide maximum transparency to the public and its representatives to the fullest extent allowed by law while ensuring compliance with best governance practices and appropriate protection of confidential information and personal privacy. The Board acknowledges significant U. T. System leadership and progress in expanding access and transparency, supports these ongoing efforts, and recognizes that the efforts will require continuing and long-term commitment.
- Sec. 3 Importance of Communication. To assist the Board of Regents in its duties and responsibilities, the Board and the Chancellor expect to be informed of significant matters within the U. T. System Administration and at each U. T. institution. Significant matters include those matters, which in the exercise of individual best judgment, reflect a significant achievement, present a substantial concern or interest, and/or have the potential to impact the reputation of the institution in a substantial manner.
- Sec. 4 Enhancement of Access to and Analysis of Data and Information.
- 4.1 Importance of Data Collection, Retention, and Analysis. The U. T. System recognizes and supports the importance of data collection, retention, and analysis for purposes such as reviewing System operations and policies, guiding decision-making, improving productivity and efficiency, and evaluating performance outcomes.
- 4.2 Increase in the Amount of Data Available. The U. T. System recognizes that the amount of significant data being accumulated by the U. T. System and U. T. System

institutions is expanding exponentially each year. The System further recognizes that current data collection and management systems in use are not sufficient to effectively manage and utilize all data becoming available.

4.3 Opportunities for Additional Enhancements. The U. T. System is continually looking for ways to enhance the performance of its institutions, to support access and success for all students, to improve educational outcomes, and to remain a national leader in providing access to data. As such, the U. T. System is committed to continue collecting additional data and finding and utilizing new, better and more expansive systems and software with which to manage and access these data. These improved systems and new software will greatly improve the ability to generate better informed decisions to enhance student success, to increase productivity and efficiency, and to facilitate access to and analysis of the data.

4.4 Framework for Advancing Excellence. The Framework, established in 2011, implemented a centralized data warehouse for the purposes of evaluating the progress of U. T. System institutions in achieving the goals set forth in the Framework. The data warehouse is a central source of information for the U. T. System Dashboard, which specifically supports the goals of transparency and efficiency as expressed in the Framework.

(Framework url:

<https://www.utsystem.edu/chancellor/speeches/a-framework-for-advancing-excellence-throughout-the-university-of-texas-system>)

4.5 Information Accessible through Data Dashboard. The U. T. System Dashboard provides a rolling 10 years (where available) of data on the performance of all U. T. System institutions and is available free to the public. The Dashboard provides important data and metrics concerning students, faculty, research and technology transfer, health care, and productivity and efficiency.

(Dashboard url: <http://data.utsystem.edu/>)

Sec. 5 Processing Information Requests.

- 5.1 Requests by Members of the Public. To enhance transparency, U. T. System institutions and U. T. System Administration are expected to act in strict compliance with the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA) and applicable State and federal law in providing public access to governmental records.
- 5.2 Requests by Representatives of the Media. In addition to the public right of access to information through the TPIA, representatives of the media may utilize U. T. System Administration and institutional offices of external relations as an additional resource for questions.
- 5.3 Requests by Members of the Texas Legislature. The TPIA provides members of the Texas Legislature a special right of access to information needed for legislative purposes. U. T. System Administration and institutional offices of governmental affairs serve as additional resources for questions from members of the Legislature.
- 5.4 Requests by Members of the Board of Regents and Chancellor.
 - 5.4.1 This process is not intended nor will it be implemented to prevent a member of the Board of Regents or the Chancellor from access to information or data necessary for the Board member or the Chancellor to fulfill his or her official duties and responsibilities.
 - 5.4.2 Except for a request processed under Subsection 5.4.4, requests by an individual Regent for information shall be submitted to the Chancellor in writing by the requesting Regent, with a copy to the Board Chairman and General Counsel to the Board. An individual Regent's written request for information shall identify, with specificity, the need for the information requested and shall provide a requested deadline for response if the request is time-sensitive.
 - 5.4.3 Information requests from or on behalf of an individual member of the Board of Regents

seeking the compilation of significant quantities of information or data from the U. T. System or from a U. T. System institution will be reviewed by the Chairman of the Board and the Chancellor and, if necessary, discussed with the requesting Regent to determine the appropriate scope of the request and timing of the response to avoid inefficiencies and duplication of effort but shall also ensure that requests are fulfilled in a timely manner consistent with applicable law and policy.

- 5.4.4 Smaller requests for existing information or data that do not appear to require significant time or effort may be processed through the Office of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor's Office.
- 5.4.5 Within 5 business days of the receipt of a Regent's information request, the Chancellor's Office will provide the requesting Regent with an estimated date for delivery or production. The Board requires all U. T. System Administration and U. T. System institutional employees to respond thoroughly and appropriately to requests for information from a member of the Board or the Chancellor, without undue delay. In the rare circumstance when the Chairman or the Chancellor has concerns about a Regent's request, the matter will be discussed with the Regent within 5 business days of receipt of the request. If concerns about a request for information or data are unresolved following discussion with the Regent, the matter will be presented to the Board as quickly as possible, but in no event later than the next regular Board meeting following the date of the receipt of the request. For the purpose of a Board vote on this issue, the vote of a majority of the members of the Board in support of the request is sufficient to direct that the request will be filled without delay.
- 5.4.6 After consultation with the Chairman of the Board, the Chancellor may adopt reasonable procedures with regard to the timing, copying, and process for review of records by a Regent, including prohibiting the copying of any confidential material. In addition, the Chancellor, in consultation with the

U. T. System General Counsel, shall determine whether State or federal law restricts compliance with the request. Accordingly, the Chancellor, in consultation with the U. T. System General Counsel, shall determine whether a Regent may review information that is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ([20 U.S.C. §1232g](#); [34 CFR Part 99](#)), by constitutional privacy, or by other State or federal law.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Chapter 552](#) – Public Information

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\): 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g](#)

[34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 99](#) – Family Educational Rights and Privacy

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10101](#) – Board Authority and Duties

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10403](#) – Conduct of Meetings of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10901](#) – Statement of U. T. System Values and Expectations

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 139, Texas Public Information Act](#)

6. Who Should Know

Board of Regents
Administrators
Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Statement of U. T. System Values and Expectations

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose.

This Rule outlines the general values to be adopted and embraced by all U. T. System officers and employees to ensure that The University of Texas System maintains its reputation as a System that strongly values integrity and requires all operations to be conducted with accountability, transparency, and respect.

The Rule is not a comprehensive guide to all matters of conduct or ethics. Officers and employees are expected to use common sense and best judgment in all situations.

Sec. 2 Compliance with Laws and Policy.

In addition to the expectations outlined below, U. T. System officers and employees are expected to comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws as well as applicable rules and policies.

Sec. 3 Minimum Expectations.

3.1 Trust and Credibility. The success of The University of Texas System is dependent on maintaining the trust and confidence earned from students, patients, faculty, staff, elected leaders, and members of the public. Trust and confidence are gained by adhering to commitments, displaying honesty and integrity, and reaching goals solely through diligence and honorable conduct.

3.2 Respect for the Individual. The University of Texas System and the Board of Regents are committed to creating an environment where all U. T. System officers and employees are treated with dignity and respect.

3.3 Culture of Open and Honest Communication. Managers have a responsibility to create an open and supportive environment where employees understand the importance and value of raising and responding to

concerns about potentially questionable or unethical behavior.

- 3.4 Setting the Tone. U. T. System leadership including the Chancellor and the Presidents and the members of the Board of Regents has the added responsibility for demonstrating, through actions and leadership, the importance of the expectations described in this Rule. The Chancellor and the Presidents must be responsible for promptly and appropriately reviewing questions or concerns about ethical behavior raised by employees or others and for taking appropriate and timely steps to address any problems identified.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[U. T. System Administration Standards of Conduct Guide](#)

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30103](#) – Standards of Conduct

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30104](#) – Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10801](#) – Policy on Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Chancellor

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Research Security Policies

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. Federal and State governments and granting agencies have recognized the risks of foreign influence within the higher education research community and that some foreign governments, institutions, and researchers have used their participation in the research community to compromise U.S. national and economic security. Education and research are core missions of every U. T. institution, and the Board recognizes the value and necessity of international collaborations in fulfilling these goals. Therefore, to mitigate the risks related to research security and foreign interference, it is imperative that each U. T. institution follow the highest standards of compliance and security and pursue international collaborations with researchers and institutions similarly committed to research integrity, transparency, and reciprocity.

- Sec. 2 Research Security Programs and Policies. Each U. T. institution shall submit for Board approval a policy framework addressing research security risks.
- a. Each policy framework shall seek to achieve the highest level of compliance with all applicable ethical, legal, regulatory, and contractual guidelines to secure, protect, and expand the institution's research portfolio, including but not limited to the following categories of research: classified, export-controlled, controlled unclassified, and fundamental.
 - b. Each U. T. institution shall appoint a Research Security Officer and establish a research security program that addresses key risk areas identified by federal and state governments, including [National Security Presidential Memorandum-33](#) and *Texas Education Code Section 51.956*, which are applicable to each institution's research portfolio, including, but not limited to, intellectual property, cybersecurity, research and proprietary data security, clinical trial data security, foreign collaborations, foreign travel, foreign visitors, foreign scholars and scientists, insider threats, and any other key risk areas.

- c. U. T. System Administration and each U. T. institution shall promote an organizational culture of compliance regarding research security and shall periodically monitor and assess the effectiveness of their programs. Institutional Research Security Officers shall promptly inform the Systemwide Research Security Officer regarding research security incidents that may significantly impact the mission or reputation of U. T. System or a U. T. institution.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[National Security Presidential Memorandum-33](#)

Texas Education Code [Section 51.956](#) – Policy Framework for Research Security

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Compliance Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Systemwide Compliance
Office of Risk Management

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Chancellor

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Role. The Chancellor is the chief executive officer of The University of Texas System. The Chancellor reports to and is responsible to the Board of Regents. The Chancellor heads the System Administration, which is used by the Board to exercise its powers and authorities in the governance of the U. T. System. The Chancellor has direct line responsibility for all aspects of the U. T. System's operations.

Sec. 2 Appointment. The Chancellor shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Regents in office and shall hold office without fixed term, subject to the pleasure of the Board.

Sec. 3 Search. The search process shall be conducted in a manner best determined to identify candidates with diverse professional backgrounds and experiences.

Sec. 4 Primary Duties and Responsibilities. The Chancellor, by delegation from the Board of Regents, is authorized to exercise the powers and authorities of the Board in the governance of the U. T. System. The Chancellor will normally act through the officers of the U. T. System regarding the matters delegated to them by the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*. The Chancellor, however, shall not be precluded from any direct participation and communication with System Administration officers or staff, institutional officers or staff, faculty members, and groups. The major duties of the Chancellor include:

4.1 Counseling, Implementing, and Representing. Counseling the Board with respect to the policies, purposes, and goals of the System; acting as executive agent of the Board in implementing Board policies, purposes, and goals and a system of internal controls; representing the U. T. System in all other respects as deemed appropriate to carry out such policies, purposes, and goals, and interpreting and articulating the U. T. System's academic, administrative, and developmental policies, programs, needs, and concerns to the general public and to other constituencies at the community, state, regional, and national levels.

- 4.2 Strategic Planning. Preparing a strategic plan for the U. T. System for recommendation to the Board of Regents in consultation with the institutional presidents. The proposed plan should include periodic adjustments to the mission statement; assessments of the internal and external environment; and recommendations for U. T. System goals, priorities, and benchmarks of progress in academic programs, service, capital expenditures, and the allocation of financial resources.
- 4.3 Directing. Directing the management and administration of System Administration and all institutions of the U. T. System.
- 4.4 Organizing. Reviewing periodically the organization of the System Administration and the institutions of the U. T. System and reporting to the appropriate standing committees of the Board of Regents and to the Board recommendations for changes in organization, assignments, and procedures.
- 4.5 Preparing and Approving Recommendations. Preparing and approving appropriate recommendations to the Board of Regents and standing committees of the Board along with the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, or president of an institution.
- 4.6 Budgeting. Preparing and approving annual operating budgets for the System Administration and the institutions of the U. T. System and submitting recommendations to the Board of Regents.
- 4.7 Preparing Legislative Submissions. Preparing and approving biennial legislative submissions to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor for the System Administration and the institutions of the U. T. System for the consideration of the Board of Regents in accordance with [Rule 20501](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*.
- 4.8 Fund Development. Serving as the chief executive officer for fund development and as the agent of the Board of Regents for the discharge of development responsibilities. Defining for the Board, at periodic

intervals, descriptions of current and future needs, as determined by the presidents and System Administration, taking into account recommendations from institutions development boards.

- 4.9 Appointment of Officers. Appointing the Executive Vice Chancellors, Vice Chancellors, and the Chief Compliance and Risk Officer. Appointments shall be made after consultation with the Chairman of the Board and shall comply with the Board's policy on the compensation of key executives as set forth in [Rule 20203](#) of these *Rules and Regulations*. The Chancellor may also approve the payment of reasonable supplemental salary for an individual assuming additional duties including those of an interim appointment, following consultation with the Chairman.
- 4.10 Nominating Chief Audit Executive. Nominating candidates for the position of Chief Audit Executive for appointment by the Board of Regents, as outlined in [Rule 20401](#) of these *Rules and Regulations*.
- 4.11 Oversight of UTIMCO. Serving, if appointed by the Board of Regents, on the Board of Directors of The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO). Generally overseeing the operations of UTIMCO and coordinating interaction between the U. T. System and UTIMCO. Ensuring that UTIMCO implements the core investment functions delegated by the Board of Regents in conformance with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, the Investment Management Services Agreement, and the Investment Policy Statements adopted by the Board. Directing UTIMCO in areas other than core investment functions such as relations with the media, intergovernmental relations, and public disclosure issues. Recommending to the Board of Regents, in its fiduciary role, an effective oversight system for the proper management of UTIMCO, including, but not limited to clear procedures for the selection of UTIMCO directors; process for budget review; and periodic review of the Investment Management Services Agreement.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.353](#), Responsibility of System Administration

Texas Education Code [Section 65.16](#), System Central Administration Office; Executive Officer

Texas Education Code [Section 66.08](#) – Investment Management

Texas Government Code [Chapter 669](#), Restrictions on Certain Actions Involving Executive Head of State Agency

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20401](#) – Audit and Compliance Programs

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20501](#) – Accounting, Operating Budgets, and Legislative Appropriation Requests

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Appointment of Institutional Administrative Officers

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Approval Required by Executive Vice Chancellor. The U. T. System Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor having responsibility for the institution and they, in turn, delegate to the president of each institution the responsibility for the appointment and dismissal of all other administrative officers of each institution, including vice presidents, and deans. However, prior approval of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor shall be necessary for each such permanent or acting appointment and for each such dismissal whether from a permanent or acting appointment. All such other administrative officers serve without fixed terms and subject to the pleasure of the president of the institution and the approval of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. [See, however, Rule 10402, Section 1.6 (b.iv.) and Rule 20401, Section 1.2(c) and (d) regarding the processes for appointment and dismissal institutional chief audit executives.]
- Sec. 2 Approval Not Required by Executive Vice Chancellor. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor having responsibility for the institution and they, in turn, delegate to the president of each institution the responsibility for the permanent or acting appointment of department chairmen, department heads, and their equivalents. Such department chairmen, department heads and their equivalents serve without fixed terms and subject to the pleasure of the president of the institution.
- Sec. 3 Consultation. The Board of Regents endorses the principle of reasonable consultation in the selection of administrative officers of the institutions and the primary operating units and expects the president, as he or she deems appropriate, to consult in the selection process with the representatives of the faculty, staff, and student body. However, the president of the institution is responsible for executing the duties of the office and consequently shall not be bound by nominations to administrative positions by campus selection committees, and the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* of each institution shall so state.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10402](#), Section 1.6 (b.iv.) – Committees and Other Appointments

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20401](#), Section 1.2(c), (d) – Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Programs

6. Who Should Know

Executive Vice Chancellors
Faculty
Presidents
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Presidents

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Presidential Selection. The Board of Regents selects the president of each institution.

1.1 Presidential Search Advisory Committee. When there is to be a vacancy in the office of a president, an Advisory Committee shall be established to recommend candidates to the Board. No person who elects to be a candidate for the vacancy may serve on the Advisory Committee. The Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs shall serve as Chairman of the Advisory Committee unless the Chairman of the Board makes another appointment. Committee membership is as follows:

- (a) At least one Regent to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board.
- (b) Two presidents from the U. T. System to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board.
- (c) The Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs.
- (d) Three faculty members from the institution involved. At least two of the members shall have the rank of associate professor or higher. The method of selection for faculty members shall be determined by the faculty governance of the campus.
- (e) One Dean to be selected by the Deans' Council of the institution involved for academic institutions. At health institutions, the member will be the Dean of the Medical School or in the absence of that position the member will be a senior representative of the teaching program of the institution selected by the Chairman of the Board.

- (f) One student, in good academic standing, from the institution involved. The method of selection shall be determined by the student governance of the campus or, if there is no student governance, by the Chairman of the Board. If the institution does not have students, this category of representation shall be omitted.
 - (g) The President of the alumni association of the campus involved. If the institution does not have an active alumni organization, an alumnus of the institution may be selected by the Chairman of the Board.
 - (h) One nonfaculty employee of the institution involved. The method of selection shall be determined by the staff or employee council of the institution involved. If there is no staff or employee council, selection will be by the Chairman of the Board.
 - (i) At least two representatives of the institution's external constituency who have demonstrated a deep interest in and support of the institution, its programs, and its role in community activities to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board.
- 1.2 Appointment of Members. Unless there are unusual delays in faculty, staff, or student representative selection that postpone initiation of the committee process, the Chairman of the Board will make his or her appointments to the Advisory Committee after campus selections. The Chairman's appointments to the Advisory Committee will be made following due consideration of input from members of the Board, the institutional leadership, and community leaders.
- 1.3 Selection Criteria. Selection criteria for the president shall relate to the needs of the individual institution.
- 1.4 Responsibilities of the Committee Chairman. The Committee Chairman shall develop a timetable for the Committee's work, in consultation with the Chancellor and the Chairman of the Board, and shall initiate mechanisms to develop an appropriate candidate pool and to seek information on several candidates.

- 1.5 Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee. Following an introduction and charge by the Chancellor, the Advisory Committee shall inquire from competent sources as to the candidates' academic, administrative, and business abilities.
- 1.6 Interviews. The Advisory Committee may interview candidates as a part of its selection process. Interviews should be conducted on the basis that the confidentiality of the process is critical to its ultimate success.
- 1.7 Recommendation. The Advisory Committee shall submit to the Board, through its Chairman, a list of no more than 10 recommended candidates with no preference indicated. Candidates recommended shall have received a majority vote of the Committee.
- 1.8 Finalists. The Board determines which candidates will be further interviewed prior to naming a finalist or finalists. If none of the names submitted by the Advisory Committee is satisfactory to the Board of Regents, the Board in its discretion may either name a new committee or proceed to select a president under such other procedures as in its discretion it may deem proper and appropriate.
- 1.9 Alternate Process. When the Board of Regents has candidate(s) from recent searches at other institutions, from within the U. T. System, and/or of national prominence from outside the U. T. System to advance for consideration, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall appoint a Special Committee to provide the Board with advice and evaluation consistent with that usually provided by an Advisory Committee. The Special Committee shall be composed as specified above for the Advisory Committee but will not include members of the Board of Regents. The Special Committee shall not extend its consideration beyond those candidates referred to it by the Board of Regents without specific concurrence from the Board.
- 1.10 Confidentiality. The presidential selection process must be conducted in a manner that protects the identity of all candidates. Information about the process, other than statements or releases by the Chairman of the Board or the Chancellor, will be distributed only as required by the

Texas Public Information Act (TPIA). Each individual participating in the search process, including U. T. System employees, members of the Board, search firm representatives, members of a Presidential Search Advisory Committee, and individuals asked to meet with candidates, must sign a confidentiality agreement in a form approved by the General Counsel to the Board and the U. T. System Vice Chancellor and General Counsel prior to participation.

An individual found to have violated the confidentiality agreement may be removed from the search process. A U. T. System employee found to have violated the confidentiality agreement is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. A member of the Board found to have violated the confidentiality agreement is subject to sanctions.

- Sec. 2 Reporting. The president reports to and is responsible to the Chancellor. The president is expected to consult with the Chancellor and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor on significant issues as needed.
- Sec. 3 Term and Removal from Office. The president serves without fixed term, subject to the pleasure of the Chancellor, following an opportunity for input by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and subject to the approval of the Board of Regents. When circumstances warrant or require such action, the Chancellor may take interim action involving a president, including but not limited to suspension or leave of absence, pending approval by the Board.
- Sec. 4 Duties and Responsibilities. Within the policies and regulations of the Board of Regents and under the supervision and direction of the Chancellor and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the president has general authority and responsibility for the administration of that institution. Specifically, the president is expected, with the appropriate participation of the staff, to:
 - 4.1 Develop and administer plans and policies for the program, organization, and operation of the institution.

- 4.2 Interpret the System policy to the staff and interpret the institution's programs and needs to the System Administration and to the public.
- 4.3 Develop and administer policies relating to students and, where applicable, to the proper management of services to patients.
- 4.4 Recommend appropriate operating budgets and supervise expenditures under approved budgets.
- 4.5 Appoint all members of the faculty and staff, except as provided in [Rule 31007](#), concerning the award of tenure, and maintain efficient personnel programs.
- 4.6 Ensure efficient management of business affairs and physical property and recommend additions and alterations to the physical plant.
- 4.7 Serve as presiding officer at official meetings of faculty and staff of the institution and as *ex officio* member of each college or school faculty, if any, within the institution.
- 4.8 Appoint or establish procedures for the appointment of all faculty, staff, and student committees.
- 4.9 Develop and administer the rules and regulations for the governance of the institution and any related amendments. Such rules and regulations shall constitute the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* for the institution. Any rule or regulation in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* that is in conflict with any rule or regulation in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* is void and has no effect.
 - (a) Input from the faculty, staff, and student governance bodies for the institution will be sought for all significant changes to an institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. The institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* will include a policy for obtaining this input.
 - (b) Sections of the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* that pertain to the areas of faculty responsibility as defined in Regents' *Rules and Regulations*,

[Rule 40101](#), titled Faculty Role in Educational Policy Formulation, will be explicitly designated in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. The president, with the faculty governance body of the campus, shall develop procedures to assure formal review of these sections by the faculty governance body before such sections are finalized. The formal review should occur within 60 days or less.

- (c) All rules and regulations or amendments in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* must be approved by the president and by the institution's chief legal officer or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.
- 4.10 Assume initiative in developing long-range plans for the program and physical facilities of the institution.
- 4.11 Assume active leadership in developing private fund support for the institution in accordance with policies and procedures established in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*.
- 4.12 Develop and implement plans and policies to ensure that the institution remains in compliance with any accreditation requirements appropriate to the institution or its programs, including, for the health institutions and those academic institutions with student health services, the accreditation of hospitals, clinics, and patient-care facilities.
- 4.13 The president of each general academic institution of The University of Texas System that engages in intercollegiate athletic activities shall ensure that necessary rules and regulations are made so as to comply with the current [General Appropriations Act](#).

For each institution of The University of Texas System that operates a hospital or clinic, serve as the Health Care Governing Body, required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, The Joint Commission, and/or other specialty accreditation standards or by other health care regulations (collectively, "Health Care Regulations") if appointed as the Health Care Governing Body by the Chancellor. The Health Care Governing

Body shall have legal responsibility to oversee, manage, and govern hospitals and clinics in accordance with the Health Care Regulations and applicable laws, regulations, and Regents' Rules.

A U. T. institution that operates a hospital shall also have an organized, self-governing medical staff (the "Medical Staff"). The Medical Staff shall operate independently and in accordance with Medical Staff Bylaws approved by the Health Care Governing Body, perform certain responsibilities, and be accountable to the Health Care Governing Body for the quality of medical care in the hospitals, as required by the Health Care Regulations. The Medical Staff may include faculty members in accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws recommended by the Medical Staff and approved by the Health Care Governing Body.

Sec. 5 Evaluation

- 5.1 Within 12 months of beginning service as president, the new president will provide the Board with a statement outlining a vision and plans for the future of the institution. The presentation may be deferred for six months, if deemed appropriate by the Chancellor and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor after consultation with the Chairman of the Board.
- 5.2 Each president will have an annual performance evaluation, conducted by the Chancellor and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and presented to the Board for discussion.
- 5.3 Each president will receive a comprehensive performance review by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, and the Board at the conclusion of each five-year period, beginning after the first year of service as president. The review will include an interview with the Board in Executive Session during which the president will outline his or her renewed vision and plans for the future of the institution.

3. Definitions

Health Care Governing Body – an organized body or an individual that has legal responsibility for the operation of the hospital or clinic, as contemplated by Health Care Regulations, including [42 C.F.R. 482.12](#) or [42 C.F.R. 485.709](#).

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 552.123](#) – Exception: Name of Applicant for Chief Executive Officer of Institution of Higher Education (excepting applicant names and identifying information from public disclosure but requiring notice of name or names of finalists at least 21 days before meeting at which final action is to be taken)

Texas Education Code [Section 51.913](#) – Executive Search Committees

[General Appropriations Act](#)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[Confidentiality Agreement – Search Committee Members](#)

[Confidentiality Agreement – Search Committee Staff and Others](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Cash Compensation for Chief Administrative Officers

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Rule sets forth the cash compensation structure authorized for the Chancellor and presidents (chief administrative officers) of the institutions of The University of Texas System. It is prospective in nature and application and is not intended to be applied retroactively. It does not pertain to, nor affect, benefit programs such as insurance, retirement benefits, and deferred compensation, which may also be a part of a chief administrative officer's overall compensation package.

Sec. 2 Elements of Compensation Structure. In order to attract and to retain effective, highly skilled, and committed chief administrative officers of the institutions of the U. T. System and to recognize their professional achievements, it is the policy of the U. T. System to offer competitive levels of cash compensation within a compensation structure consistently applied. This Policy establishes and defines the various elements for the cash compensation portion of a chief administrative officer's compensation package. Compensation packages for the presidents are recommended by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor to the Chancellor, and then by the Chancellor to the Board of Regents for approval. The compensation package for the Chancellor is determined by the Board of Regents and will address issues related to residence at Bauer House.

2.1 Base Salary. The base salary rate for each chief administrative officer shall be set by the U. T. System Board of Regents following a review of national compensation survey data for respective peer institutions.

2.2 Housekeeping Staff. Each institution, at the institution's expense, shall provide appropriate housekeeping and other support services for business-related functions held at the chief administrative officer's residence, but no housekeeping or other support services will be provided for personal use at a residence that is not owned by the University.

- 2.3 Practice Plan Supplement. The bylaws of the physician practice plans provide that the compensation for the presidents of the health institutions may be supplemented by up to 30% of the president's salary from practice plan funds. The supplement is contingent on availability of funds in the practice plan. The practice plan salary supplement is not a part of the base salary and shall be reported as a separate element of the health president's cash compensation because of the special nature of the source of funding. Practice plan supplements are not eligible for Teacher Retirement System and Optional Retirement Program retirement benefits or other retirement benefits and no employer matching contributions may be made with respect to practice plan supplements.
- 2.4 Deferred Compensation. Upon approval by the Board, deferred compensation may be paid pursuant to a Deferred Compensation Plan originally adopted effective September 1, 1996, for the benefit of a select group of employees. The purpose of the plan is to offer those employees an opportunity to elect to defer the receipt of compensation pursuant to [Section 457\(f\)](#) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1987, as amended. Deferred compensation is not part of the base salary and shall be reported as a separate element of the chief administrative officer's cash compensation. Deferred compensation is not eligible for Teacher Retirement System or Optional Retirement Program retirement benefits or other retirement benefits.
- 2.5 One-time Merit Awards. In instances where a chief administrative officer has made a significant contribution in a particular year, the Board of Regents may elect to make a merit award on an annual basis.

Sec. 3 Prohibited Allowances or Adjustments. No allowances or adjustments will be provided for the following items.

- 3.1 Housing Allowance. No separate allowance for housing may be paid. Base salary includes compensation sufficient to purchase or lease a residence.
- 3.2 Housing Maintenance Allowance. No separate allowance for maintenance, utilities, landscaping, or other

expenses attributable to a chief administrative officer's personal residence may be paid. All personal expenses associated with a chief administrative officer's residence are intended to be covered by the base salary. No University physical plant personnel may be used to provide personal services related to repair or maintenance at a residence that is not owned by the University.

- 3.3 Car Allowance. No separate car allowance may be provided to a chief administrative officer. Base salary includes compensation sufficient to purchase or lease a car. An institution may reimburse a chief administrative officer for mileage associated with business use of a personal vehicle in accordance with the latest published Internal Revenue Service guidelines, the State Travel Regulations Act (*Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 660](#)), and applicable institutional policies. No vehicle may be purchased for or assigned to the chief administrative officer for personal use.

- Sec. 4 Other Compensation. This rule covers all compensation provided for service as a chief administrative officer by the institution or an external organization that is established to support the mission of the institution. Compensation for other service, such as service on outside boards, must be pursuant to approval required by [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 180 \(Conflicts of Interest, Conflicts of Commitment, and Outside Activities\)](#).

- Sec. 5 University-Owned Housing. If the Board of Regents makes arrangements that require the chief administrative officer to reside in the institutionally-owned residence or if covenants, conditions, or restrictions applicable to the institutionally-owned residence require occupancy by the chief administrative officer, then he or she shall reside in the institutionally-owned residence. In the absence of such requirements, each chief administrative officer of an institution, for which a residence is owned by the U. T. System and is available, shall have the option of leasing the residence from the U. T. System.

- 5.1 Those presidents who elect to or are required to reside in an institutionally-owned residence shall enter into a lease arrangement with the U. T. System. The rental rate to be paid by the president under the lease shall be based on

the current fair market rental value of that portion of the residence that is used as the president's private residence.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.31](#) – General Powers and Duties

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 660](#) – Travel Expenses

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20203](#) – Compensation for Key Executives

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 180, *Conflicts of Interest, Conflicts of Commitment, and Outside Activities*](#)

6. Who Should Know

Executive Vice Chancellors
Presidents

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Chancellor

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Compensation for Key Executives

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Compensation Philosophy. To attract, retain, and motivate the top talent needed to lead The University of Texas System and accomplish its mission, and to recognize and reward performance, the Board of Regents seeks to compensate key executives at levels that are competitive in the marketplace, cost effective, and, to the extent possible, internally equitable.
- Sec. 2 Market Review. To align executive compensation with the relevant market, U. T. System Administration will obtain current and reliable market data on total compensation of key executives in comparable positions at peer institutions.
- Sec. 3 Elements of Compensation. The elements of compensation may include and are limited to base salary; short and long-term incentive pay; supplemental retirement plans, such as deferred compensation plans; one-time merit pay; special provisions necessary to recruit an individual to a key executive position, such as salary supplement for a limited time or one-time relocation payment as necessary and prudent to recruit the top talent for the position; and perquisites such as memberships, parking privileges, and provision of or allowance for cell phone and/or other mobile communication devices as determined necessary for business purposes and as covered in individual agreements. Key executives must promptly reimburse the institution for any personal use of a membership provided by the institution. All compensation set pursuant to this Rule must comply with all applicable state and federal laws and must be approved and documented in budget summaries. All compensation for service as a key executive is covered by this Rule. Elements of compensation paid on behalf of a chief administrative officer must be disclosed in the annual report of expenses required by [Rule 20205](#).
- Sec. 4 Peer Institutions. Peer institutions or groups of institutions will be determined by the Chancellor after consultation with the presidents and based on factors including size, mission, budget, and program mix.
- Sec. 5 Approval by Board of Regents. All proposed elements of compensation, including taxable and nontaxable items, will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval.

Sec. 6 Determining Compensation. In setting a key executive's initial compensation, the following factors should be considered: relevant market data, current compensation, cost of living differences, internal equity, and the U. T. System budget. Where appropriate, U. T. System may target the 75th percentile of the market rate of a key executive's peer institutions. Factors to consider in making future adjustments to a key executive's compensation include market data, key executive performance, the institution's progress on key performance indicators, internal equity, and the U. T. System budget.

Sec. 7 The presidents will implement appropriate policies and procedures concerning executive compensation for the direct reports at each U. T. System academic and health institution.

3. Definitions

Key executive(s) – include the Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, Chief Audit Executive, Executive Vice Chancellors, presidents of each of the U. T. System academic and health institutions, and Vice Chancellors.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.31](#) – General Powers and Duties

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 20202](#) – Cash Compensation for Chief Administrative Officers

6. Who Should Know

Chancellor
Chief Audit Executive
Direct reports to the Board of Regents
Executive Vice Chancellors
Presidents
Vice Chancellors

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Controller

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Determining and Documenting the Reasonableness of Compensation

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Setting of Compensation. Institutions of The University of Texas System are charged with setting compensation levels for Highly Compensated Personnel in such a way that compensation is reasonable and adequate documentation is maintained for supporting the reasonableness of compensation paid. Internal Revenue Code (IRC) [Section 162](#) imposes a reasonableness requirement for the deductibility of compensation as a business expense and its applicability has been extended to tax-exempt organizations. IRC [Section 4958](#) imposes excise taxes on excess benefit transactions between a tax-exempt organization and certain influential persons within the organizations. Although the U. T. System is not subject to the IRC sections, the process used to determine compensation by U. T. System shall be pursuant to a process in conformance with the spirit of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines including any applicable factors previously used by the IRS to determine reasonable compensation (see Definitions) as well as any other factors deemed relevant.
- Sec. 2 Compliance with IRS Guidelines. The Chancellor shall develop a Systemwide policy for establishing the compensation for Highly Compensated Personnel, not covered in Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20203](#) (which outlines the procedures for establishing the compensation of the presidents and executive officers at System Administration), that is in conformance with the spirit of the factors referenced in Section 1 above.
- Sec. 3 Approval required.
- 3.1 Board Approval. Initial Total Annual Compensation and changes to Total Annual Compensation that may exceed the amount set as the approved institutional contract threshold discussed in Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#), Subsection 2.2.17 must be approved by the Board of Regents, except as otherwise required or allowed by [Rule 10501](#) for athletic directors or coaches or by Subsection 3.2 below. This approval can occur through the approval of the annual operating budget or as a stand-alone item during the fiscal year.

- 3.2 Chancellor approval. The Chancellor may approve changes of up to five percent per year in an institutional employee's Total Annual Compensation that was approved by the Board pursuant to subsection 3.1 if the changes were not included in the annual operating budget.
- 3.3 Documentation required. In all cases, the employing institution is responsible for maintaining documentation that the compensation was established or changed in accordance with applicable Systemwide policy.

3. Definitions

Factors Previously Used by the IRS -

- 1) the nature of the employee's duties;
- 2) the employee's background and experience;
- 3) the employee's knowledge of the business;
- 4) the size of the business;
- 5) the employee's contribution to the profit making;
- 6) the time devoted by the employee to the business;
- 7) the economic conditions in general and locally;
- 8) the character and amount of responsibility of the employee;
- 9) the time of year when compensation is determined;
- 10) the relationship of shareholder-officer's compensation to stock holdings;
- 11) whether alleged compensation is in reality, in whole or in part, payment for a business or assets acquired; and
- 12) the amount paid by similar size businesses in the same area to equally qualified employees for similar services.

Highly Compensated Personnel – personnel whose Total Annual Compensation is, or may exceed, \$1 million in any year and who are not covered in Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20203](#) (Compensation for Key Executives).

Total Annual Compensation – includes an employee's salary or wages, practice plan supplements, incentive plan payments, and unpaid deferred compensation and excludes employer-provided insurance, expense allowances, employer contributions to Teachers Retirement System of Texas and Optional Retirement Program, and other fringe benefits.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Internal Revenue Code [Section 162](#) – Trade or Business Expense

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [Section 4958](#) – Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20202](#) – Cash Compensation for Chief Administrative Officers

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20203](#) – Compensation for Key Executives

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 144, *Establishing Compensation for Highly Compensated Employees*](#)

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6. Who Should Know

Chancellor
Executive Vice Chancellors
Presidents

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Chancellor

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Expenditures for Travel and Entertainment by Chief Administrators

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. The University of Texas System Administration and U. T. System institutions are governed by State law and rules and regulations promulgated under those laws, as well as Systemwide and institutional policies and procedures concerning expenses incurred by officials for travel and entertainment. While recognizing the unique role of the Chief Administrators in representing the U. T. System and the institutions, the Board of Regents also recognizes the importance of oversight and accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility. The purpose of this *Rule* is to prescribe, clarify, and provide uniformity in the approval, review, and audit of process for Travel and Entertainment Expenses incurred by the Chief Administrators.

Sec. 2 Prudent Use of Funds. In the performance of their unique roles, the Chief Administrators are frequently called upon to travel on behalf of the U. T. System Administration and the institutions, to extend official hospitality to important visitors, and to entertain guests in conjunction with alumni and development activities, campus events, and other official functions. As a public institution, the U. T. System must make the most efficient and effective use of funds entrusted to it by various constituencies when making expenditures for those purposes and must be able to demonstrate compliance with applicable laws, rules, and policies. Additionally, individuals seeking reimbursement must certify that expenditures support the mission and purpose of the U. T. System and that the expenditures are not made for a private purpose.

Sec. 3 Travel and Entertainment Expenditures. All expenditures for travel and entertainment by a Chief Administrator that are paid or reimbursed by U. T. System Administration or an institution must be for a business purpose of the U. T. System or the institution and must comply with all laws, rules, and policies of the institution and the U. T. System Administration. All Foreign Travel must be approved in advance by the Chairman of the Board of Regents for the Chancellor and spouse and by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor for the presidents and spouses. Requests for approval of Foreign Travel must include a specific business purpose and an estimate of funds to be expended by U. T. System Administration or by the institution.

- Sec. 4 Documentation and Review. Each Chief Administrator shall comply with all documentation requirements imposed by law and U. T. System Administration and institutional rules and policies for Travel and Entertainment Expenses, including providing appropriate receipts and documentation of the purpose of the expense and the individuals or groups attending the event. Evidence of review, in all cases, must be documented. Each Chief Administrator shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that all employees follow applicable procedures for expense reimbursement.
- 4.1 Chancellor Expenses. Reimbursements made directly to the Chancellor for Travel and Entertainment Expenses must be reviewed and approved by the General Counsel to the Board of Regents before payment to assure compliance with applicable laws, rules, and policies. Payments for Travel and Entertainment Expenses made on the Chancellor's behalf in excess of \$100 must also be reviewed but may be reviewed after payment.
- 4.2 President Expenses. Reimbursements made directly to a president of a U. T. System institution for Travel and Entertainment Expenses must be reviewed and approved by the institution's chief business officer before payment to assure compliance with applicable laws, rules, and policies. Payments for Travel and Entertainment Expenses made on the president's behalf in excess of \$100 must also be reviewed but may be reviewed after payment.
- 4.3 Spouse Expenses. Requirements, processes, and guidelines applicable to a Chief Administrator will also apply to his or her spouse.
- Sec. 5 Timeliness of Requests for Reimbursements. A Chief Administrator must request any reimbursement for Travel and Entertainment Expenses within 60 days of the date on which the expense was incurred.
- Sec. 6 Reporting. Each Chief Administrator shall prepare annual reports, based on fiscal year, of Travel and Entertainment Expenses in a standard format. The Chancellor shall file the report with the General Counsel to the Board of Regents for review by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and each president shall file the report with the institution's chief business officer for review. The reports are due not later than the 30th day of October.

- 6.1 Annual Reporting on Travel and Entertainment Expenses. The annual reports must include each expense that exceeds \$1,000 and that is reimbursed to the Chief Administrator during the year or directly paid to a vendor on the Chief Administrator's behalf, except for Entertainment Expenses at which more than 10 individuals are present. The report must include the payee, the date and amount of the expense, the type, and if applicable, the location of the event/expense, the participants if any, the business purpose of the expense, and the account charged for the expense.
- 6.2 Annual Certification. The institution's chief business officer will provide an annual certification to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or Health Affairs.

Sec. 7 Audits. The System Audit Office shall audit the Travel and Entertainment Expenses reimbursed to and directly paid to a vendor on behalf of the Chief Administrators at a minimum after the first full fiscal year after assuming office and periodically thereafter, based on an assessment of risk factors.

3. Definitions

Chief Administrator – means the Chancellor or the president at each U. T. System institution. An individual serving as interim Chancellor or interim President is included in the definition, for purposes of compliance with this Rule.

Entertainment Expenses – includes all expenses associated with meals and events hosted by a Chief Administrator in furtherance of a business purpose of U. T. System Administration or an institution.

Foreign Travel – travel to, in, or from a destination that is neither in the United States nor a territory of the United States.

Travel Expenses – includes transportation, except for use of the U. T. System plane or a state plane, lodging, meals, and other expenses incurred in connection with travel in furtherance of a business purpose of U. T. System Administration or an institution, but does not include Entertainment Expenses or meals for others.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.31](#) – General Powers and Duties

Texas Government Code [Section 660.003](#) – Applicability of Travel Expenses

Texas Government Code [Section 660.024](#) – Advance Approval for
Certain International Travel

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20202](#) – Cash Compensation for
Chief Administrative Officers

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20203](#) – Compensation for Key
Executives

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20801](#) – Travel

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 120, Spousal Travel Policy](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 191, Travel Guidance
for Presidents and Their Spouses](#)

[Request for Payment of Business Expense Form](#)

[Travel Reimbursement Forms](#)

[International Travel Approval Form for Presidents and Spouses](#)

6. Who Should Know

Chancellor
General Counsel to the Board of Regents
Chief Audit Executive
Executive Vice Chancellors
Presidents
Chief Business Officers
Internal Audit Directors

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Intercollegiate Athletics

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Board Oversight. The Board provides oversight and broad policy guidelines for the budget, operation activities, and intercollegiate athletics program in a manner consistent with the operation of other units of the U. T. System.

Sec. 2 Delegation of Authority. The president of the institution is assigned ultimate responsibility and authority for the operation, fiscal integrity, and personnel of the institution's athletics program, including appointment and supervision of the athletics director(s). Each president is also responsible for ensuring that the institution's athletics program is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and that the mission, values, and goals of the athletics program are compatible with those of the institution.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30103](#) – Standards of Conduct

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30104](#) – Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80104](#) – Use of Facilities

6. Who Should Know

Chancellor
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Vice Chancellor and General Counsel

Presidents

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Honorary Titles and Degrees

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Honorary Titles. The titles Chancellor Emeritus, President Emeritus, and similar honorary designations shall be conferred only by appropriate action of the Board of Regents on individuals who are fully retired. No person is authorized to use any such title unless it has been bestowed by the Board.

Sec. 2 Honorary Degrees. In accordance with long-standing Board of Regents tradition, honorary degrees may be awarded only to a sitting President of the United States. Award of an honorary degree is to be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting of the Board.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Programs

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Audit Program. The Chancellor, as chief executive officer of the U. T. System, is responsible for ensuring the implementation of appropriate audit procedures for the U. T. System. Accordingly, the U. T. System Chief Audit Executive (CAE) prepares an executive summary of all internal audit activity by the U. T. System internal auditors and the institutional internal auditors for the Chancellor, and functions as a primary source of independent and objective information to the Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee (ACRMC) of the Board of Regents.

1.1 The U. T. System CAE plays an important role in enabling the ACRMC to achieve its objectives for oversight of the Audit Program through:

- (a) Providing information regarding risks and issues identified through audit activities.
- (b) Facilitating the ACRMC Chairman's interactions with Institutional Audit Committee Chairs.
- (c) Assisting the ACRMC in following leading practices through the establishment of necessary formal meetings, executive sessions, and other important protocols.

1.2 U. T. System Chief Audit Executive's Responsibilities. The U. T. System CAE is charged with assuring that an effective internal audit function is in place Systemwide. The U. T. System CAE accomplishes this oversight by performing the following:

- (a) Establishing methodologies that support conformance with required professional standards. This guidance includes, but is not limited to, annual plan development, prioritization and communication of findings, reporting, audit committee support, and quality assurance activities.

- (b) Developing a Systemwide internal audit plan based on a comprehensive risk assessment and coordinating the implementation of the audit plan with the chief audit executives at all U. T. System institutions.
- (c) Participating with the institution's president in the selection of any institution's CAE to provide recommendation and advice to the ACRMC Chair prior to appointment.
- (d) Assessing circumstances surrounding proposed termination of any institution's CAE to provide recommendation and advice to the ACRMC Chair prior to dismissal.
- (e) Participating in the annual performance review for each institution's CAE.
- (f) Providing audit assistance to the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellors, and the Vice Chancellors in the exercise of their responsibilities.

Sec. 2 Compliance Program. The Chancellor, as chief executive officer of the U. T. System, is responsible for ensuring the implementation of a Systemwide compliance program for the U. T. System. U. T. System Administration shall adopt a policy further implementing the Systemwide compliance program.

The Systemwide compliance program shall be headed by a Chief Compliance and Risk Officer (CCRO) and is a fundamental part of the management structure of U. T. System Administration. The primary responsibility of the CCRO is developing the infrastructure for the effective operation of the Systemwide compliance program. The CCRO is also responsible for apprising System Administration and the ACRMC of the compliance functions and activities at System Administration, The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO), and each institution.

Sec. 3 Risk Management. The Chancellor, as chief executive officer of the U. T. System, is responsible for ensuring Risk Management principles are integrated within leadership operation, practice, and activities. Accordingly, the Office of Risk Management (ORM) headed by the CCRO is a fundamental part of the

management structure of U. T. System Administration. The primary responsibility of ORM is to provide the Chancellor and leadership with risk information, education, and the forum, when necessary, to encourage consideration of the most important risks. ORM will foster elements of prudent risk management including the structure for Executive Risk discussion, collaboration with risk assessing functions, and resolution of activities that mitigate important risks.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Chapter 2102](#) – Internal Auditing

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 129, Internal Audit Activities](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Internal Audit
Compliance

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

System Audit Office
Office of Systemwide Compliance
Office of Risk Management

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Provision of Audit and Non-Audit Services by External Audit Firms

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Audit Services.

- 1.1 Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee's Role. The ACRMC is responsible for contracting with external audit firms for audit services.
- 1.2 Board Approval. Neither U. T. System nor any of the institutions may engage an external audit firm for audit services unless the contract is authorized through a delegation of authority as provided by *Texas Government Code* [Section 321.020](#) and the contract has been approved by the Board in accordance with Section 3 of Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) concerning contracts requiring Board approval.
- 1.3 Conflict of Interest Provision. Neither U. T. System nor any of the institutions may engage an external audit firm for audit services unless the contract includes an acceptable conflict of interest provision approved by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.
 - (a) Lead Partner Rotation. The lead (or coordinating) audit partner (having primary responsibility for the audit), or the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit shall not have performed audit services for the institution(s) in each of the ten previous fiscal years.
 - (b) Hiring Restrictions. Neither U. T. System nor any of the institutions may hire a former or current partner, principal, or professional employee in a key position, as defined in the [Code of Professional Conduct](#) of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), that would cause a violation of the AICPA [Code of Professional Conduct](#) or other applicable

independence rules, during the year subsequent to the completion of the audit engagement.

Sec. 2 Non-Audit Services.

- 2.1 ACRMC Review and Approval. The U. T. System and the institutions may not engage the external audit firm to perform non-audit services unless the proposed engagement is reviewed and approved by the ACRMC.
- 2.2 Delegation of Authority. The ACRMC Chairman may delegate to one or more designated members of the ACRMC the authority to grant the approval required in the previous Subsection. The decision(s) of any member to whom authority to approve is delegated shall be presented to the full ACRMC at the next Committee meeting.
- 2.3 Conflict of Interest Not Permitted. If, upon review of a proposed engagement for non-audit services under Subsection 2.1 of this Rule, the ACRMC determines that a conflict of interest exists between the external audit firm's obligations to perform audit services and that firm's anticipated obligations to perform non-audit services contemporaneously with the performance of audit services, then U. T. System and the institutions may not engage the external audit firm to perform the non-audit services.

Sec. 3 Prohibited Non-Audit Services. Neither U. T. System nor any of the institutions may engage an external audit firm to provide prohibited non-audit services contemporaneously with the provision of audit services.

3. Definitions

ACRMC – refers to the Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee of the Board.

Audit Services – services that result in an audit, review, or agreed-upon procedures communication for U. T. System or any of the institutions.

External Audit Firm – is a public accounting firm (including its partners, employees and agents) engaged by the Board to provide audit services.

Non-Audit Services – any non-audit services (including tax services) that are not listed in the definition of prohibited non-audit services.

Prohibited Non-Audit Services – include:

- a) bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of U. T. System or any of the institutions;
- b) financial information systems design and implementation;
- c) appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribution-in-kind reports;
- d) actuarial services;
- e) internal audit outsourcing services;
- f) management functions or human resources;
- g) broker, dealer, investment adviser, or investment banking services;
- h) legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit; and
- i) any other service that the Board determines, by rule, is impermissible.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 321.020](#) – Coordination of Investigations (with State Auditor)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Internal Audit

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Controller
Audit Office

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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1. Title

Accounting, Operating Budgets, and Legislative Appropriation Requests

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Approval of Accounting Records. All accounting records and procedures shall be subject to the approval of the chief business officer and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs shall be responsible for establishing internal controls to ensure that funds are expended and recorded appropriately.
- Sec. 2 Financial Reports. The Annual Financial Reports shall be prepared under the direction of the chief business officer and the Associate Vice Chancellor and Controller. Interim Financial Reports shall be prepared under the direction of the chief business officer and the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Budget and Planning. Copies of the reports shall be furnished to the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 3 Approval of Budgets. Operating Budgets for all the institutions shall be approved annually by the Board of Regents within the budget estimates of income prepared by the chief business officer and the president of an institution and approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and the Chancellor.
- Sec. 4 Automatic Reappropriation. General Funds balances shall not be reappropriated from one fiscal year to the next unless specific approval is given by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 5 Budget Policies and Instructions. General policies for the budget preparation shall be recommended by the Chancellor to the Board of Regents and shall be followed in preparing the budgets. Instructions for details of budget preparation shall be furnished to the institution presidents by System Administration.
- Sec. 6 Responsibility for Reviewing. The institutional president shall issue local instructions and shall furnish forms to the budget-recommending officials. Their recommendations for salaries, maintenance and operation, equipment, travel, and other pertinent items shall be reviewed by the president. The budget

as finally recommended by the president shall be forwarded to the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor for further review and recommendation to the Board of Regents.

Sec. 7 Budget Administration. Rules and procedures for budget administration shall be prepared by the Chancellor, with assistance of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, approved by the Board of Regents, and shall be included in the completed budgets.

Sec. 8 Approval of Appropriation Requests. Legislative appropriation requests for all institutions shall be prepared by the president in conformity with these instructions and approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and the Chancellor.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Budget and Planning

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Aircraft Use

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Official Use. The U. T. System aircraft or any leased or chartered aircraft will be used only in the scope and conduct or furtherance of official State business and only in compliance with the travel regulations contained in *Texas Government Code Section 2205.001 et seq.* and any other laws applicable to the use of State-owned or leased aircraft. Donor Aircraft, including the gifted use of a passenger seat on a noncommercial flight, used in the scope and conduct or furtherance of official University business is also covered by this Rule.

Sec. 2 Passengers. In accordance with [Texas Attorney General Opinion H-1089](#), the Board of Regents finds that attendance of the spouses of members of the Board of Regents and officials of the Office of the Board of Regents; spouses of the Executive Officers and the Administrative Officers of the U. T. System; and spouses of the presidents of the institutions of the U. T. System at official functions may be in furtherance of official State business. Whether the spouse's attendance is in furtherance of official State business is dependent in part on the nature of the employee's office, the spouse's role, the purpose of the particular trip, and the spouse's connection with that purpose. Examples of instances in which the spouse's attendance is in furtherance of official State business include, but are not limited to, attendance at U. T. System Board of Regents' meetings when there is an official function hosted by an institution and retirement functions honoring long-time key employees of the U. T. System or the institutions.

Sec. 3 Justification for Passenger Use.

3.1 Pursuant to *Texas Government Code Section 2205.036*, U. T. System aircraft or leased or chartered aircraft will be used to carry passengers only when the destination is not served by commercial carriers, the aircraft transportation is the most cost-effective travel arrangement in accordance with *Texas Government Code Section 660.007(a)*, the time required to use a commercial carrier interferes with passenger obligations, a representative of the Department of Public Safety

determines that security concerns for a passenger warrant the use of a state aircraft, the number of authorized passengers traveling makes the use of state aircraft cost effective, or emergency circumstances necessitate the use of state aircraft.

- 3.2 Use of a leased or chartered aircraft, including Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) aircraft, will be approved only when the U. T. System aircraft is unavailable.

Sec. 4 Priority for Use. Requests by the U. T. System Board of Regents shall be arranged through the General Counsel to the Board. All other flights of U. T. System aircraft or requests for leased or chartered aircraft, including TxDOT aircraft, will be requested from and approved in advance by the Chancellor or designee. Up until 24 hours before a flight is scheduled to begin, requests for the use of U. T. System aircraft will be approved upon the following order of priority:

1. Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents
2. A Vice Chairman of the U. T. System Board of Regents (in order of request)
3. Members of the U. T. System Board of Regents (in order of request)
4. Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellors (in order of request)
5. Vice Chancellors and other System officers (in order of request)
6. Institutional Presidents (in order of request)
7. Other staff of the U. T. System Administration (in order of request)
8. Other faculty and staff personnel of the institutions of the U. T. System (in order of request)

Sec. 5 Assignment of Aircraft by Chancellor.

- 5.1 During the 24-hour period prior to the beginning of a flight, if the U. T. System aircraft has not been previously scheduled, the Chancellor may assign the U. T. System aircraft to any person on the priority list on a first-come first-served basis without regard to the order of priority.

- 5.2 If a U. T. System aircraft flight that is scheduled before the beginning of the 24-hour period is cancelled, the Chancellor may assign, as practicable, the aircraft to the person requesting the aircraft that is next in order of priority. If a U. T. System aircraft flight scheduled during the 24-hour period is cancelled, the Chancellor or designee may assign the aircraft to the next person requesting it on a first-come first-served basis without regard to the order of priority.
- Sec. 6 Use by Other State Agencies. In accordance with the expressed intent of the Legislature that State-owned aircraft be utilized by all agencies of the State, use of U. T. System aircraft by other State officials and personnel on official State business is encouraged and will be authorized by the Chancellor on a space available and first-come first-served basis after the individuals on the priority list indicated in Section 4 above.
- Sec. 7 Direction of Pilots. The pilots of U. T. System aircraft will report to and act under the direction of the Office of the Controller. Regents may direct an itinerary or passenger change to an approved flight, provided that the purpose of the flight and the passengers on the flight are in accordance with *Texas Government Code* [Section 2205.036](#). The Chancellor or designee must approve all other requests that would substantially change an approved itinerary or passengers. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the pilot may authorize a change of itinerary or passengers in the event of an emergency.
- Sec. 8 Rates Charged. Excluding compensation for contract pilot services, charges to applicable U. T. System departments and the institutions for use of the U. T. System aircraft shall be equal to the rate approved by TxDOT for comparable interagency aircraft services.
- Sec. 9 Flight Regulations. The U. T. System aircraft shall be operated at all times in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Aviation Administration and U. T. System Flight Operations Procedures, which are in accordance with the Federal Aviation Act (as amended) and Civil Air Regulations. *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 2205](#) gives TxDOT oversight of specific aspects of maintenance and operations for U. T. System aircraft.

- Sec. 10 Control of Aircraft in Flight. Under Federal Regulations, the pilot of any aircraft is responsible for and is the final authority as to the flight operation of that aircraft. All decisions concerning the flight itself will rest solely with the pilot. However, the pilot should keep the priority person informed.
- Sec. 11 Helicopters. Use of a helicopter in lieu of fixed-wing aircraft is permitted only when use of a fixed-wing aircraft is impractical for the purpose of the flight.
- Sec. 12 Minimum Number of Pilots. With the exception of helicopter flights, two pilots are required for all flights used in conjunction with official University business. This Section is applicable to U. T. System aircraft, leased aircraft, chartered flights, employee-owned or -leased aircraft, and Donor Aircraft.
- Sec. 13 Flight Reservations. All flight reservations for the U. T. System aircraft shall be entered into the U. T. System Aircraft Reservation System. Information must include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:
1. departure/estimated arrival, date, time, and place,
 2. name of each passenger,
 3. destination(s) including intermediate stops and return information with date and time,
 4. purpose of trip for each passenger, and
 5. benefit to the State and university.
- Sec. 14 Passenger Manifests. For each flight, the pilot will complete a Passenger Manifest showing the following:
1. flight number and duration,
 2. date,
 3. aircraft number,
 4. flight plan,
 5. destination and intermediate stops of flight,
 6. names of pilot and copilot, and
 7. passenger information
 - name of each passenger
 - department or institution
 - signature of each passenger.
- Sec. 15 Record Keeping and Reports. The approved reservation requests forms and post-flight passenger manifests will serve as the official record of flights.

- 15.1 The U. T. System Office of the Controller shall prepare and submit the following reports:
- (a) Travel Log. In accordance with *Texas Government Code* [Section 2205.039](#), the passenger manifests for the month will be sent to TxDOT each month following the month in which travel occurred.
 - (b) Reports to the Board. Passenger manifests for U. T. System aircraft and TxDOT aircraft, employee-owned or -leased aircraft, leased and charter aircraft, and Donor Aircraft flown on behalf of the U. T. System, except for Donor Aircraft provided by a supporting foundation to a U. T. System institution, will be sent to the General Counsel to the Board twice a year in April and October for distribution to the Board's Finance and Planning Committee for review. For Donor Aircraft, passenger and donor names may be omitted consistent with State law, but will be provided, upon request, to the Board, to the Chancellor, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and/or the General Counsel to the Board.

Sec. 16 Employee-Owned or-Leased Aircraft. No U. T. System employee may operate aircraft owned or leased in the employee's personal capacity in conjunction with official University business unless authorized in writing by the Chancellor or designee.

Sec. 17 Chartered Aircraft. The following steps will be taken when securing charter aircraft.

- 17.1 *Texas Government Code* [Section 2205.035](#) requires advance approval by the State Aircraft Pooling Board for the expenditure of appropriated funds for the rental or lease of an aircraft.
- 17.2 Charter operators must meet U. T. System insurance and operator requirements.
- 17.3 If more than one of the priority persons listed in Section 4 requests the use of the U. T. System aircraft more than

24 hours before the flight is scheduled to begin, the Chancellor will assign the U. T. System aircraft to the person with the highest priority, and will provide leased aircraft or a chartered flight for the use of the person or persons with the lower priority if necessary and feasible.

- 17.4 During the 24-hour period prior to the beginning of a flight, if the U. T. System aircraft has been previously scheduled and an additional request for its use is made by a person on the priority list, the Chancellor will, insofar as necessary and practicable, provide a leased aircraft or a chartered flight for the use of the person making the subsequent request.

Sec. 18 Donor Aircraft.

- 18.1 Usage. Approval to use Donor Aircraft, including the acceptance of a gift of the use of a passenger seat on a noncommercial flight within the definition of Donor Aircraft, in the scope and conduct or furtherance of official University business is conditioned upon the confirmation of the following requirements prior to the acceptance of flight:
- (a) Use of Donor Aircraft must be approved in writing and in advance by the Chancellor or designee following submission of a request using a Donor Aircraft Request for Approval form. In evaluating whether to allow the use of a Donor Aircraft, an individual should first assure that such use does not create a conflict of interest under Regents' [Rule 30104](#). For such travel by U. T. System Administration employees, officers, and institutional presidents, any potential conflict of interest shall be evaluated by the U. T. System Vice Chancellor and General Counsel or designee prior to approval of the use. For other institution employees, the conflict of interest analysis may be performed by the institution's legal counsel and/or ethics advisor. In addition to the conflict of interest review, the Chancellor or designee shall review and approve such proposed travel by U. T. System institutional Presidents and System Administration employees. Presidents shall review and approve such proposed travel of their employees. In every instance, the

decision to approve shall be based upon the totality of the circumstances. The reviewing parties may request additional information to assist them in review. Use of Donor Aircraft provided by a supporting foundation to a U. T. System institution can instead be reviewed for compliance with the Regents' *Rules* and approved pursuant to contracts and memoranda of understanding between the institution and the supporting foundation.

- (b) U. T. System insurance requirements must be met with a minimum of \$1,000,000 per seat/passenger.
 - (c) With the exception of helicopters, Donor Aircraft must be multiengine turboprop or jet.
 - (d) With the exception of helicopter flights, each flight must have 2 current and qualified pilots.
 - (e) The aircraft owner may not serve as pilot or copilot.
 - (f) No passenger may enter the cockpit or distract pilots during flight, takeoff, or landing.
 - (g) Students must be accompanied by a University staff member for the duration of any flight.
 - (h) Donor is not a registered lobbyist.
 - (i) Donor flight information (date of flight, aircraft tail number, origin/destination) along with a passenger list and emergency contact for each must be maintained by a responsible University individual on the ground.
- 18.2 Reporting. For each Donor Aircraft flight, the following will be provided, if applicable:
- (a) Donor Aircraft Request for Approval form will be forwarded to U. T. System Aircraft Operations prior to departure.
 - (b) Detailed flight information will be reported as required by Section 17.1 of this Rule.

Sec. 19 Research Exception. Given the unique challenges of certain research-related travel, the provisions of this Rule may be waived by the Chancellor, based upon the prior written request of an institutional president, when compliance with all requirements of the Rule is impracticable. If a waiver is granted, the travel must occur in the safest manner reasonable in the context of the research project and in compliance with applicable law.

Sec. 20 Aviation-related Academic Programs. The provisions of this Rule do not apply to aviation-related academic programs to the extent strict compliance would be impracticable; however, such programs must operate in compliance with applicable state and federal law and safety standards and shall coordinate with the System Chief Risk Officer to determine appropriate insurance requirements.

3. Definitions

Donor Aircraft – aircraft and crew, or individual passenger seat on aircraft, provided at reduced or no cost to transport passengers or cargo to/from a predetermined departure location to a specific destination, including any aircraft and crew provided by a supporting foundation to a U. T. System institution at reduced or no cost. Donor Aircraft does not include a reduced or no cost airline ticket on a noncharter commercial airline flight.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Chapter 2205](#) – Aircraft Pooling

Texas Government Code [Section 660.007\(a\)](#) – Conservation of Funds

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Aircraft Reservation System: [U.T. System Aircraft Operations](#)

[Donor Aircraft Acceptance Checklist](#)

6. Who Should Know

All employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Controller's Office

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Use of Historically Underutilized Businesses

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Good Faith Effort. It is the policy of the Board of Regents to promote full and equal opportunity for all businesses to supply the goods and services needed to support mission, administrative, and logistical operations of the U. T. System. The U. T. System commits to a good faith effort to increase purchases from and contract awards to Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) firms consistent with the state's goals for HUB participation and overall economic development.
- Sec. 2 Establishment of Procedures. The U. T. System has a compelling interest to assure that procurement funds always are expended in an equal-business-opportunity context. To meet that obligation, the Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor the responsibility for establishing and maintaining procurement systems and procedures that are nondiscriminatory with respect to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. That obligation also encompasses procurement systems and procedures of business firms under contract with the U. T. System to preclude U. T. institutions' passive participation in an unlawfully discriminatory marketplace. The Chancellor is also responsible for developing procedures to ensure that a good faith effort is made to meet the state's goals for HUB participation and overall economic development.
- Sec. 3 Adoption of Guidelines. The Board of Regents adopts the use of the guidelines and related rules of the Statewide Procurement and Support Services Division of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (34 *Texas Administrative Code* [Part 1, Rules 20.281 – 20.298](#)).
- Sec. 4 Scope. This policy applies to acquisition of specified commodities, professional and other services, and construction services, by System Administration and U. T. institutions, including auxiliary enterprises, regardless of funding source (treasury or non-treasury funds).

3. Definitions

Historically Underutilized Business – a business enterprise, with its principal place of business in Texas, which is formed for the purpose of making a profit, and meets one of the following categories:

- A corporation in which at least 51% of all classes of shares of stock or other equitable securities are owned by one or more persons from an economically disadvantaged group.
- A sole proprietorship that is 100% owned by a person from an economically disadvantaged group.
- A partnership in which at least 51% of the assets and interests in the partnership are owned by one or more persons from an economically disadvantaged group.
- A joint venture in which each entity in the joint venture is a historically underutilized business.
- A supplier contract between a historically underutilized business and a prime contractor under which the historically underutilized business is directly involved in the manufacture or distribution of the supplies or materials or otherwise warehouses and ships the supplies.
- A business other than described in the bullets above, which is a legally recognized business organization under the laws of the State of Texas, provided that at least 51% of the assets and interest and 51% of any classes of stock and equitable securities are owned by one or more persons from an economically disadvantage group.

Economically Disadvantaged Group – includes the following:

- Black Americans – includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.
- Hispanic Americans – includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South Americans, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin.
- Asian Pacific Americans – includes persons whose origins are in Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific, and the Northern Marianas, and Subcontinent Asian Americans which includes persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan or Nepal.
- Native Americans – includes persons who are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians.

- American Women – includes all women of any ethnicity except American women specified in the bullets immediately above.
- Veterans – as defined by [38 U.S.C. Section 101\(2\)](#) who have suffered at least a 20% service-connected disability as defined by [38 U.S.C. Section 101\(16\)](#).

Commodities – materials, supplies, or equipment.

Professional Services – services procured under provisions of the *Texas Government Code* [Sections 2254.001 – 2254.007](#).

Other Services – all services, other than construction and professional services, including consulting services procured under provisions of *Texas Government Code* [Sections 2254.021 – 2254.041](#).

Construction – construction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of buildings, roads, highways, or grounds.

Treasury Funds – funds maintained in the State treasury and disbursed through the State Comptroller's Office for System Administration or an institution of the U. T. System.

Non-Treasury Funds – all funds of the U. T. System Administration or an institution that are not deposited in the State Treasury.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Veterans' Benefits ([38 U.S.C. Section 101](#))

34 *Texas Administrative Code* [Part 1, Rules 20.281 – 20.298](#) – Statewide Procurement and Support Services

Texas Government Code [Sections 2254.001 – 2254.005](#) – Professional and Consulting Services

Texas Government Code [Sections 2254.021 – 2254.040](#) – Consulting Services

Texas Government Code [Section 2161.001\(3\)](#) – Definitions

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS137, Historically Underutilized Business \(HUB\) Program](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
HUB Coordinators
Procurement Directors

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Chancellor

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Travel

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Development of Travel Regulations. Institutions of the U. T. System shall issue travel regulations covering authorization for travel and reimbursement for approved travel to implement applicable provisions of State law and regulations for the guidance of all personnel concerned. Following administrative approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, travel regulations will be included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

Sec. 2 Authorization for Foreign Travel. Authorization for foreign travel shall be transmitted through proper administrative channels to the Chancellor or the president of the institution, as applicable, or the respective officer's designee, for advance written approval. Authorization for foreign travel by Chief Administrators must be obtained as required by Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 20205, Expenditures for Travel and Entertainment by Chief Administrators.

3. Definitions

Foreign Travel – travel to, in, or from a destination that is neither in the United States nor a possession of the United States.

Chief Administrator – means the Chancellor or the president at each U. T. System institution.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.31](#) – General Powers and Duties

Texas Government Code [Section 660.003](#) – Applicability of Travel Expenses

Texas Government Code [Section 660.024](#) – Advance Approval for Certain International Travel

Texas Government Code [Section 2203.004](#) – Requirement to Use State Property for State Purposes

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20205](#) – Expenditures for Travel and Entertainment by Chief Administrators

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31005](#) – Faculty or Staff Absence

[The University of Texas System Policy UTS120, *Spousal Travel Policy*](#)

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS191, *Travel Guidance for Presidents and Their Spouses*](#)

[Chancellor Cigarroa's letter regarding international travel risks](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Procurement of Goods and Services; Contract Management Handbook

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Rule establishes policies required by state law concerning the acquisition of certain goods and services.

Sec. 2 Code of Ethics. As required by *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.9337\(b\)\(1\)](#), the Board has adopted a Code of Ethics found in Regents' [Rule 30104](#) (Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities) and implemented through associated U. T. Systemwide policies.

Sec. 3 Internal Investigations and Audit Protocols. As required by *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.9337\(b\)\(2\)](#), the Board has adopted policies for internal investigations and internal audit protocols, found in Regents' [Rule 20401](#) (Audit and Compliance Programs).

Sec. 4 Contract Management Handbook. As required by *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.9337\(b\)\(3\)](#), each institution and U. T. System Administration shall develop and maintain a Contract Management Handbook that provides consistent contracting policies and procedures, including a risk analysis procedure.

4.1 The Contract Management Handbook shall establish contract review procedures and a contract review checklist approved by the Office of General Counsel. The review procedures and checklist must include:

- (a) a description of each step of the procedure used to evaluate and process contracts;
- (b) a checklist that describes each process that must be completed before contract execution; and
- (c) a value threshold that initiates required review by legal counsel unless the contract is a standard contract previously approved by counsel.

4.2 Contract and Performance Monitoring. The Contract Management Handbook shall establish procedures to

ensure the Board of Regents is notified of any serious issue or risk that is identified with respect to certain contracts as required under *Texas Government Code Section 2261.253(c)*.

Contracts shall be monitored in accordance with the institution's policies and Contract Management Handbook.

- 4.3 Notice to the Board. As required by *Texas Government Code Section 2261.255(2)*, the Contract Management Handbook shall establish a procedure to assure the submission to the Board of any information on any potential issue that may arise in the solicitation, purchasing, or contractor selection process for any contract with a value exceeding \$5 million.

Sec. 5 Required Training. As required by *Texas Education Code Section 51.9337(b)(5)*, each institution and U. T. System Administration shall develop training for officers and employees authorized to execute contracts for the institution or to exercise discretion in awarding contracts, including training in ethics, selection of appropriate procurement methods, and information resources purchasing technologies. Training shall be conducted in accordance with the institution's Contract Management Handbook.

Sec. 6 Acquisition of Stationery, Printing, and Fuel. Each institution and System Administration may acquire goods and services covered by Texas Constitution, [Article XVI, Section 21](#) (including but not limited to stationery, printing, and fuel) from institutional departments or purchase the goods and services from external sources. If the goods or services are purchased from external sources, the goods and services shall be purchased as follows:

- 6.1 using the method that provides the best value to the institution or System Administration including competitive bidding, competitive sealed proposals, a catalog purchase, a group purchase program, or an open market contract; and
- 6.2 in accordance with (a) the requirements of *Texas Education Code Sections 51.9335, 73.115, or 74.008*, as applicable, (b) the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*,

(c) the U. T. System Administration policies, and (d) the policies and procedures of the institution or System Administration.

Sec. 7 Competitive Procurement. If an institution or System Administration wishes to purchase goods or services covered by Texas Constitution, [Article XVI, Section 21](#) from external sources, the purchase must utilize a competitive procurement method unless another procurement method is authorized by law. All procurements must comply with all applicable procurement policies including any applicable dollar limits.

3. Definitions

Fuel – for purposes of this Rule, means anything consumed to produce energy including coal, natural gas, oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, and propane.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Constitution, [Article XVI, Section 21](#), Public Printing and Binding; Repairs and Furnishings; Contracts

Texas Education Code [Section 51.9335](#) – Acquisition of Goods and Services

Texas Education Code [Section 51.9337](#) – Purchasing Authority Conditional; Required Standards

Texas Education Code [Section 73.115](#) – Acquisition of Goods and Services

Texas Education Code [Section 74.008](#) – Acquisition of Goods and Services

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 2261](#) – State Contracting Standards and Oversight

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20401](#) – Audit and Compliance Programs

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30104](#) – Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 159, *Purchasing*](#)

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 148, *Protest Procedures Related to Procurements of Goods and Services*](#)

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 137, *Historically Underutilized Business \(HUB\) Program*](#)

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 145, *Processing of Contracts*](#)

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 156, *Purchaser Training and Certification*](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Classified Personnel Pay Plan

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Institutional Classified Personnel Pay Plan. The institutions of the U. T. System and System Administration shall adopt and maintain a classified personnel pay plan that conforms to the guidelines established by the Chancellor in a U. T. System policy. Each institution's president shall be responsible for the development and operation of the respective institution's classified personnel pay plan. The Chancellor shall be responsible for the development and operation of System Administration's classified pay plan.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS133, Classified Pay Plan](#)

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

General Appointment Information

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec.1 Appointment of Employees. The Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, shall elect or appoint, as the case may be, all of the employees of The University of Texas System and agents of the System and, subject to State and federal laws, shall assign the duties, rights, and privileges of each employee or each class or group of employees; provided, however, that the Board of Regents may delegate to the Chancellor, and the Chancellor, through the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, may delegate to the presidents of the institutions, authority to appoint employees in certain designated classes or categories.

Sec. 2 Best Interest. All appointments shall be on the basis of merit and shall comply with the provisions of *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.948](#), which requires that any agreement with higher education administrators be executed only after a finding that the agreement is in the best interest of the U. T. System or any of the institutions. Authority to make such findings is delegated to the president or chief business officer of the institution and to the Chancellor for employees not covered by Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#), Section 3.4.

Sec. 3 As provided in the Texas Constitution [Article I, Section 4](#), and by statute, no religious qualification shall be required for appointment to any position.

3. Definitions

Agents of the System – An agent is one who is authorized by another, the principal, to transact some business or manage some affair for the principal, and to render the principal an accounting of the transaction.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Constitution [Article I, Section 4](#) – Religious Tests

Texas Education Code [Section 65.38](#) – Nonsectarian; Powers and Duties of Board

Texas Education Code [Section 51.943](#) – Renewal of Faculty Employment Contracts

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Standards of Conduct

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Statutory Compliance. Every employee is expected to obey all federal, State, and local laws, and particularly *Texas Penal Code*, [Chapter 42](#) and [Section 46.03](#) and *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.935](#). Any employee who violates any provision of these statutes is subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal, notwithstanding any action by civil authorities on account of the violation.
- Sec. 2 Disruption of Activities. Any employee who, acting singly or in concert with others, obstructs, disrupts, or interferes with any teaching, educational, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service, or other activity, meeting, or event authorized to be held or conducted on campus or on property or in a building or facility owned or controlled by The University of Texas System or any of the institutions is subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal. Obstruction or disruption includes but is not limited to any act that interrupts, modifies, or damages utility service or equipment, communication service or equipment, university computers, computer programs, computer records, or computer networks accessible through University computer resources.
- Sec. 3 Channel for Communication. The Board of Regents is the only proper channel through which recommendations concerning the administration of the System or any of the institutions, as a whole or in any of its parts, should reach the Legislature or other State agencies or officials.
- Sec. 4 Public Office.
- 4.1 Conflict of Interest. Subject to the other provisions of these Rules, an employee of the U. T. System or any of the institutions may hold other nonelective offices or positions of honor, trust, or profit with the State of Texas or the United States if holding the other offices or positions is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by State or federal law and if there is no conflict between holding the office or position and holding the office or position with the U. T. System or any of the institutions for which the employee receives salary or compensation.

- 4.2 Prior Board Approval. Before an employee of the U. T. System or any of the institutions may accept an offer to serve in other nonelective offices or positions of honor, trust, or profit with the State of Texas or the United States, the employee must obtain from the appropriate administrative officials and the Board a finding via the Consent Agenda that the requirements of this Section have been fulfilled. The Consent Agenda entry shall also record any compensation the employee is to receive from the nonelective office or position, including salary, bonus, or per diem payment.

Sec. 5 Political Activities.

- 5.1 Right of Participation. The Board of Regents recognizes the right of employees to participate in political activities provided such activities are not conducted during work hours unless the employee uses accrued compensatory or vacation leave; are in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; do not interfere with the discharge and performance of an employee's duties and responsibilities; do not involve the use of equipment, supplies, or services of the U. T. System or any of the institutions; do not involve the impermissible use of University facilities; do not involve the attempt to coerce students, faculty, or staff to participate in or support the political activity; and do not involve the U. T. System or any of the institutions in partisan politics.
- 5.2 Leave Without Pay. With the interest of the U. T. System and any of the institutions being given first consideration, a leave of absence without pay pursuant to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30201](#), Section 3.1 may but need not be granted to an employee to participate in political activities. However, a leave of absence without pay shall not be granted to an employee of the U. T. System or any of the institutions for the purpose of being a candidate for an elective public office, holding an elective public office, or directing the political campaign of a candidate for an elective public office.
- 5.3 Interference with Job Duties. An employee who wishes to engage in political activity that will interfere with the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities should voluntarily terminate employment. If the president

of the institution, the Chancellor, an Executive Vice Chancellor, or the Board of Regents finds that the employee's political activity interferes with the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities or does not comply with the requirements of this Subsection, the employee shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including termination.

Sec. 6 Opinions for Advertising Purposes. Every employee must protect the U. T. System and U. T. System institutions against the unauthorized use of opinions for advertising purposes.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Penal Code [Section 42](#) – Disorderly Conduct and Related Offenses

Texas Penal Code [Section 46.03](#) – Places Weapons Prohibited

Texas Education Code [Section 51.935](#) – Disruptive Activities

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31008](#) – Termination of a Faculty Member

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30601](#) – Discipline and Dismissal of Classified Employees

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30602](#) – Employee Grievance

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30104](#) – Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel
Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Primary Responsibility. The primary responsibility of employees of the U. T. System Administration and each of the U. T. System institutions is the accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities assigned to one's position of appointment.
- Sec. 2 Outside Work or Activity. Employees may engage in work or activity with outside entities and individuals, including governmental agencies, industry, or other educational institutions so long as such work or activity complies, as applicable, with the approval and disclosure requirements of Section 6 below and does not violate State laws or U. T. System Administration or U. T. System institution rules or policies governing the conduct of employees, including ethics standards and provisions prohibiting conflicts of interest, conflicts of commitment, and the use of State resources.
- Sec. 3 Unmanaged Conflicts of Interest Prohibited. U. T. System Administration and U. T. System institution employees may not have a direct or indirect interest, including financial and other interests, or engage in a business transaction or professional activity, or incur any obligation of any nature that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of the employee's duties in the public interest.
- Sec. 4 Conflicts of Commitment Prohibited. Activities on behalf of outside entities or individuals must not interfere with a U. T. System Administration or U. T. System institution employee's fulfillment of his/her duties and responsibilities to the University. Such conflicts of commitment may arise regardless of the location of these activities (on or off campus), the type of outside entity (individual, for-profit, not-for-profit, or government), or the level of compensation (compensated or unpaid).
- Sec. 5 Protection of Intellectual Property and Other Assets. Each University of Texas institution shall have a policy in place to provide for disclosure and management of substantial foreign relationships. Substantial relationships between any U. T. officer or employee, including a faculty member or researcher, and

programs sponsored, funded, directed, or controlled by a foreign government, foreign agency, or foreign institution are prohibited, unless properly and timely disclosed in accordance with an institution's applicable policy. Such institutional policies shall be submitted in writing to the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and approved by the U. T. System Office of General Counsel and the Executive Vice Chancellor.

Sec. 6 Approval and Disclosure Requirements. U. T. System Administration and each institution shall adopt policies that clearly delineate the nature and amount of permissible outside work or activities. The policies shall include provisions to prevent, identify, and manage conflicts of interest and conflicts of commitment and shall include specific processes for disclosing such work or outside activities, as well as the procedures for obtaining and documenting institutional approval to carry out such engagements, consistent with this Rule.

6.1 Approval Required for Outside Activities. U. T. System Administration shall establish a policy providing requirements for the approval and disclosure of outside activities for employees: (1) authorized to execute contracts on behalf of U. T. System Administration or a U. T. System institution, (2) authorized to exercise discretion with regard to the award of contracts or other pecuniary transactions, and (3) who are executive officers of U. T. System Administration or a U. T. System institution. Disclosure and approvals for the presidents will be made to the Chancellor. Disclosure and approvals for the Chancellor, the General Counsel to the Board, and the Chief Audit Executive will be made to the Chairman of the Board.

6.2 U. T. System Administration and each institution shall adopt a policy governing an officer's or employee's outside activities, including compensated employment and board service, that clearly delineates the nature and amount of permissible outside activities and that includes processes for disclosing the outside activities and for obtaining and documenting institutional approval to perform the activities.

- 6.3 Additional Financial Disclosures. All officers and employees shall, in a timely manner, furnish such additional written financial disclosures as may be required by State or federal authorities or by U. T. System Administration or institutional authorities.
- 6.4 Electronic Database. Disclosure of outside activity, documentation of requests for approval, and subsequent approvals required above shall be maintained in an electronic database, following guidelines provided by U. T. System Administration.
- Sec. 7 Free Advice. Even in the case of employees specifically engaged only in residence work, there exists an obligation, usually intermittent, to furnish expert knowledge and counsel for public benefit free of charge, provided that the meeting of this obligation by an employee does not interfere with his or her regular duties, and provided further that in meeting this obligation an employee shall avoid undue competition with legitimate private agencies.
- Sec. 8 Separation of Activities. If a U. T. System Administration or U. T. institution employee engages in any outside activity, the employee must make it clear to those who employ him or her that the work is unofficial and that the name of the U. T. System or any U. T. institution is not in any way to be connected with the employee's name, except for identification purposes in a way that avoids the appearance of endorsement or support by U. T. System or any U. T. institution. No employee engaged in outside activities shall use in connection therewith the official stationery of the System, give as a business address any building or department of the U. T. System or any of the institutions, or any University telephone extension.
- Sec. 9 Use of University Property. U. T. System Administration and U. T. System institutional property may only be used for State purposes appropriate to the System or institutional mission.
- Sec. 10 Noncompliance. Noncompliance with this Rule subjects an employee to disciplinary action, including termination, in accordance with applicable procedures.

3. Definitions

Executive officer - includes, but is not limited to, a chancellor or president, all individuals who report directly to the Chancellor or president (other than administrative support positions), and any employee who exercises broad and significant discretion over key institution or U. T. System functions.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 572](#) – Personal Financial Disclosure, Standards of Conduct, and Conflict of Interest

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30103](#) – Standards of Conduct

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 90101](#) – Rules for Intellectual Property: Purpose, Scope, Authority

The University of Texas System Office of Systemwide Compliance
[website on ethics](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 118, Dishonest or Fraudulent Activities](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 134, Code of Ethics for Financial Officers and Employees](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 175, Disclosure of Significant Financial Interests and Management and Reporting of Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 180, Conflicts of Interest, Conflicts of Commitment, and Outside Activities](#)

The University of Texas System [HOP 1.1.2 Outside Activity Policy](#)

The University of Texas System [HOP 1.1.1 Conflicts of Interest, Conflicts of Commitment, and Outside Activities](#)

6. Who Should Know

Board of Regents
Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, and Consensual Relationships

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Environment. The educational and working environments of The University of Texas System and all of the institutions shall be free from sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, inappropriate consensual relationships, and other inappropriate sexual conduct, as defined by U. T. Systemwide model policies referenced below. Engaging in such conduct or relationships is unprofessional and unacceptable.

Sec. 2 Adoption of Policies.

2.1 Adoption of Sexual Misconduct Policies. Each U. T. institution and U. T. System Administration shall adopt policies and procedures prohibiting sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and other inappropriate sexual conduct, in compliance with federal and state law, including *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.282](#). The policies must be in substantial compliance with model policies and procedures promulgated by the U. T. System Office of Systemwide Compliance as approved by the Board of Regents. The Office of Systemwide Compliance must review the model policies each biennium and submit any substantive changes to the Board for approval. If substantive changes to the model policy are approved by the Board, each institution must adopt those substantive changes in its policies. Additional substantive changes to an institution's policy that were not approved by the Board in the model policy must be submitted to the Board for approval following review and approval by the Offices of Systemwide Compliance and General Counsel.

2.2 Adoption of Consensual Relationship Policies. Each U. T. institution and U. T. System Administration shall adopt policies and procedures regarding consensual relationships that are consistent with federal and state law and in compliance with the model policy promulgated by the Office of General Counsel.

Sec. 3 Publication of Policies. The institution's policies and procedures must be published through the institution's website on a web

page dedicated solely to the policy through the institution's website and in the institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures* after review and approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Board.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, *Guidelines on Discrimination Because of Sex* (defining sexual harassment), [29 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1604.11\(a\)](#)

Texas Penal Code [Ann. Section 39.03](#) – Official Oppression

Texas Education Code [Section 51.282](#) – Policy on Sexual Harassment

[Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act \(SaVE Act\)](#), Pub. L. No. 113-4, Section 304, 127 Stat. 89 (2013)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 105](#), *Sexual Orientation Nondiscrimination Policy*

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 184](#), *Consensual Relationships*

The University of Texas System [HOP 3.7.1](#), Sexual Harassment and Misconduct

[Sexual Misconduct](#), U. T. System Office of Compliance Model Policy

[Consensual Relationships](#), U. T. System Office of General Counsel Model Policy

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs
Office of General Counsel
Office of Human Resources
Office of Systemwide Compliance

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Nepotism

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Statutory Requirement. *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 573](#) prohibits public officials from appointing any individual to a position that is to be directly or indirectly compensated from public funds or fees of office if the individual is related to the public official within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity.

Sec. 2 System Requirement. Even though the appointment of a person, would not be prohibited by the *Texas Government Code*, no employee of The University of Texas System or any of the institutions may approve, recommend, or otherwise act with regard to the appointment, reappointment, promotion, or salary of any person related to such employee as outlined in Sections 2.4 or 2.5 regardless of the source of funds for the payment of salary. This provision also includes individuals hired as private contractors.

2.1 Supervision. If the appointment, reappointment, or promotion of a person places him or her under an administrative supervisor related within the specified degree, all subsequent actions with regard to the evaluation, reappointment, promotion, or salary shall be the responsibility of the next highest administrator to make a written review of the work performance of such employee at least annually and to submit each review for approval or disapproval by the institution's Chief Human Resources Officer in the case of classified employees or the Chancellor or the president in the case of faculty or non-classified employees.

2.2 Promotion. If the appointment, reappointment, or promotion of a person places him or her in an administrative or supervisory position with responsibility to approve, recommend, or otherwise act with regard to reappointment, promotion, or salary of a person who is related to them within the above degree specified, all subsequent actions regarding the evaluation, reappointment, promotion, or salary of such person shall be made by the next highest supervisor.

- 2.3 Marriage. The provision of Section 2.1 of this Rule shall apply to situations where two employees marry and one spouse is the supervisor of the other.
- 2.4 Relationship by Blood. Relationship by blood (consanguinity) as determined by *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 573](#) (see also Figure 1 in the [Relationships by Consanguinity or Affinity chart](#)):
 - (a) First degree is the employee's father, mother, son, or daughter.
 - (b) Second degree is the employee's brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, or granddaughter.
 - (c) Third degree is the employee's uncle or aunt (who is a brother or sister of the employee's parent), nephew or niece (who is a child of the employee's brother or sister), great grandfather, great grandmother, great grandson or great granddaughter.
- 2.5 Relationship by Marriage. Relationship by marriage (affinity) as determined by *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 573](#) (see also Figure 2 in the [Relationships by Consanguinity or Affinity chart](#)):
 - (a) First degree is the employee's spouse, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.
 - (b) Second degree is the employee's brother-in-law (sister's spouse or spouse's brother), employee's sister-in-law (brother's spouse or spouse's sister), spouse's grandfather, spouse's grandmother, spouse's grandson, spouse's granddaughter, spouse of the employee's grandparent, or spouse of the employee's grandchild.

3. Definitions

Affinity – relationship by marriage. According to *Texas Government Code* [Section 573.024](#), two individuals are related by affinity if:

1. they are married to each other; or
2. the spouse of one of the individuals is related by consanguinity to the other individual.

Consanguinity – relationship by blood or origin. According to *Texas Government Code* [Section 573.022](#):

(a) Two individuals are related to each other by consanguinity if:

1. one is a descendant of the other; or
2. they share a common ancestor.

(b) An adopted child is considered to be a child of the adoptive parent for this purpose.

Public official – defined in *Texas Government Code* [Section 573.001\(3\)](#) as:

1. An officer of this state or of a district, county, municipality, precinct, school district, or other political subdivision of this state;
2. An officer or member of a board of this state or of a district, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of this state; or
3. a judge of a court created by or under the statute of this state.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 573](#) – Nepotism Prohibitions

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures and Forms

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 120, Spousal Travel Policy](#)

6. Who Should Know

Board of Regents
Administrators and Supervisors

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel
Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Veteran's Employment Preferences

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Preference in Employment. As authorized in [Chapter 657](#) of the *Texas Government Code*, an individual who qualifies for a veteran's preference is entitled to a preference in State employment over other applicants for the same position who do not have greater qualifications.
- Sec. 2 Complaint Regarding Employment Decision. [Chapter 657](#) of the *Texas Government Code* provides that an individual entitled to a veteran's employment preference who is aggrieved by a decision of a State agency or institution, relating to hiring or to retention of the individual in the event of a workforce reduction, may appeal the decision by filing a complaint with the governing body of the agency.
- Sec. 3 Delegation. The Board delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer of each U. T. System institution the authority to review all such written complaints and to respond within 15 business days of receipt. The Chief Administrative Officer shall review complaints promptly and may render a different employment decision if it is determined that the veteran's preference was not applied. The decision of the Chief Administrative Officer shall be final.

3. Definitions

Chief Administrative Officer – The Chancellor of the U. T. System and the presidents of each of the institutions of the U. T. System.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 657](#) – Veteran's Employment Preferences

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Employment Preferences for Former Foster Children

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Preference in Employment. As authorized in Chapter 672 of the *Texas Government Code*, an individual 25 years of age or younger who was under the permanent managing conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services on the day preceding the individual's 18th birthday is entitled to a preference in State employment over other applicants for the same position who do not have greater qualifications.

Sec. 2 Complaint Regarding Employment Decision. Chapter 672 of the *Texas Government Code* provides that a former foster child entitled to an employment preference who is aggrieved by a decision of a State agency or institution relating to hiring or to retention of the individual in the event of a workforce reduction may appeal the decision by filing a complaint with the governing body of the agency.

Sec. 3 Delegation. The Board delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer of each U. T. System institution the authority to review all such written complaints and to respond within 15 business days of receipt. The Chief Administrative Officer shall review complaints promptly and may render a different employment decision if it is determined that the employment preference was not applied. The decision of the Chief Administrative Officer shall be final.

3. Definitions

Chief Administrative Officer – The Chancellor of the U. T. System and the Presidents of each of the institutions of the U. T. System.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 672](#) – Employment Preference for Former Foster Children

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

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1. Title

Training and Education

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Responsibility. The Office of Human Resources, by delegation from the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, is responsible for promulgating the necessary policies and procedures for implementation of the [State Employees Training Act](#), consistent with the guidelines approved by the Governor.

Sec. 2 Policy Requirements. Pursuant to *Texas Government Code Section 656.048* – Rules Relating to Training and Education, The University of Texas System requires the establishment of policies that promote training programs of benefit to employees. Policies implemented must be consistent with provisions of the [State Employees Training Act](#), as follows:

- 2.1 Interest of the Institution. The U. T. System or any of the institutions will not extend funds under these provisions without the interest of the U. T. System or any of the institutions being given first consideration.
- 2.2 Written Agreements. If an employee does not perform the regular duties of the job for three or more months, a written agreement complying with the provisions of institutional policy will be executed between the employee and the U. T. System or any of the institutions as required by State law.
- 2.3 Failure to Comply with Agreement. Should an employee fail to honor the provisions of the agreement, the U. T. System or any of the institutions will be reimbursed for all costs associated with the training period, including any amounts of the employee's salary not accounted for as paid vacation or compensatory leave.
- 2.4 Annual Report. The U. T. System and the institutions will report annually to the Legislative Budget Board detailing the amount of money expended in the preceding fiscal year for training subject to the Act.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 656.048](#) – Rules Relating to Training and Education

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Leave Policies

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Holidays. All employees, except those employed in positions that require student status as a condition of employment, are entitled to such holidays as are provided by the Legislature in the current Appropriations Act and as are approved annually by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, or to alternate holidays approved in the official calendars of the various institutions by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs.

Sec. 2 Vacations. Vacations for eligible employees, including faculty appointed on a 12-month basis, shall be as provided by State law. Vacations for eligible full and part-time employees shall be on a percentage basis for the time appointed, regardless of whether they are paid on a monthly or hourly basis. Eligible employees accrue vacation hours based on length of state service.

2.1 Termination. An employee who leaves employment shall be entitled to be paid in "lump sum" for all vacation leave entitlement duly accrued at the date of termination; provided the employee has had continuous employment with the State of Texas for six months. The payment shall be calculated at the rate of compensation being paid the employee at the time of termination.

2.2 Death. In the case of death of an employee who has accumulated vacation leave, their estate will be paid for such leave. The payment shall be calculated at a rate of compensation being paid the employee at the time of his or her death.

Sec. 3 Leave Without Pay. With the interest of the institution being given first consideration and for good cause, leaves of absence without pay may be granted for a period within the term of appointment of any faculty or staff, subject to the general conditions included herein. Leaves of absence for a first year or portion thereof or a second consecutive year's leave may be granted by the Chancellor or president, or his or her designee. Leaves of absence for a third consecutive year will be granted

only for the reasons outlined in Sections 3.2 and 3.3 below, following review and approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor.

- 3.1 First Year of Leave. The maximum period for which a leave of absence will be granted is twelve months from when the leave begins.
- 3.2 Second Year of Leave. Except in unusual circumstances such as military service, reasons of health, continued graduate study, and public service or other activity that reflects credit on the institution and enhances an individual's ability to make subsequent contributions to the institution, a second consecutive year of leave will not be granted.
- 3.3 Third Year of Leave. Except in very unusual circumstances a third consecutive leave of absence for one year will not be granted.
- 3.4 Return of Duty. After a return to duty of one year, the leave-of-absence privilege will again be available, subject to the conditions above.
- 3.5 Exhaust Leave. Unless otherwise provided by or authorized pursuant to law, all accumulated paid leave entitlement must be exhausted before a leave of absence without pay may be granted, with the additional provision that sick leave must be exhausted only in those cases where the employee is eligible to take sick leave.
- 3.6 Family and Medical Leave. Upon expiration of Family and Medical Leave pursuant to these *Rules and Regulations*, an employee may be eligible for a leave of absence under this section.
- 3.7 Other Absences. For leave of absence to participate in a political campaign, faculty development leave, parental leave, sick leave, leave for jury duty, leave for military duty, and leave related to on-the-job injuries, see other sections of these *Rules and Regulations*.

- Sec. 4 Development Leave. Development leaves for faculty members may be granted as set out in *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.101 et seq.](#) upon approval by the president of an institution.

The law provides that after two consecutive academic years at the same institution, faculty members as defined in this Act may be considered for a faculty development leave for one academic year at one-half his or her regular salary or for one-half academic year at his or her full regular salary. Such leaves shall be granted pursuant to procedures outlined in the Act and to the limitations therein.

- Sec. 5 Administrative Leave. As set out in the *Texas Government Code* [Section 661.911](#), the Chancellor or president of an institution may grant administrative leave without a deduction in salary to an employee as a reward for outstanding performance as documented by employee performance appraisals. The total amount of administrative leave an employee may be granted under this law may not exceed 32 hours in a fiscal year.
- Sec. 6 Parental Leave. Parental leave for all employees shall be as provided by State law as set out in the *Texas Government Code* [Section 661.913](#) giving supervisors the responsibility for approving parental leave requests for those employees not eligible for Family and Medical leave for the birth of a natural child or adoption by or foster care placement with the employee of a child younger than 3 years of age. Employees must first use all available and appropriate vacation and sick leave and then the remainder of the leave period will be leave without pay. Parental leave of absence may not exceed twelve weeks.
- Sec. 7 Sick Leave. Sick leave for all employees, including faculty, non-teaching personnel, and classified personnel, shall be as provided by State law.
- Sec. 8 Compensatory Leave. Compensatory time for those employees exempted from the [Fair Labor Standards Act](#) shall be determined by the Chancellor or president of the institution involved, or their respective designees, and set forth in the respective institution's policy and procedures.
- Sec. 9 Death. In the case of death of an employee who has accumulated sick leave, the estate will be paid for such leave as permitted by law. The payment shall be calculated at the rate of compensation being paid the employee at the time of death.
- Sec. 10 Jury Duty. Necessary time off for jury duty is required to be given without loss of pay or vacation leave.

- Sec. 11 Volunteer Emergency Services Leave. Voluntary emergency services leave for training and emergency response shall be granted to an employee who is a volunteer firefighter, emergency medical services volunteer, or a search and rescue volunteer as provided in *Texas Government Code* [Section 661.905](#).
- Sec. 12 Military Duty. A leave of absence not to exceed 15 working days in any one federal fiscal year is granted employees who, as members of the National Guard or Official Militia of Texas or members of any of the Reserve institutions of the Armed Forces, shall be engaged in authorized training or duty, ordered or authorized by proper authority. During such periods, the employee is absent without loss of efficiency rating, vacation time, or salary; and when relieved from military duty, the employee is restored to the position and status he or she previously held. A leave of absence with full pay shall be provided any employee who is called to active duty with the National Guard by the Governor of Texas. Such leave shall not be charged against the employee's vacation or sick leave privileges. The chief business officer of each institution may prescribe forms and procedures for such leaves.
- 12.1 Paid Emergency Leave. As set out in the *Texas Government Code* [Section 437.254](#), a state employee called by the Governor to state active duty as a member of the state military forces is entitled to receive paid emergency leave without loss of military leave under *Texas Government Code* [Section 437.202](#) or annual leave.
- 12.2 Use of Compensatory Time. As set out in the *Texas Government Code* [Section 659.023](#) a state agency shall provide an employee activated to military service as a member of the reserve component of the armed forces with a statement containing the balance of the employee's accrued stated compensatory time and shall accommodate the employee's request to use the balance of accrued state compensatory time before the compensatory time expires.
- 12.3 Unpaid Leave. As set out in the *Texas Government Code* [Section 661.904](#), an employee called to active duty during a national emergency to serve in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States

under [Titles 10](#) or [32](#) of the *United States Code* is entitled to an unpaid leave of absence. The employee on an unpaid leave of absence during military duty continues to accrue state service credit for purpose of longevity pay, vacation leave, and sick leave.

- (a) The employee may retain any accrued vacation or sick leave and is entitled to be credited with those balances on return to state employment. Leave earned while in a state-paid status is credited to the employee's balance when the employee returns to active state employment.
- (b) The employee may use any accrued vacation leave, earned state compensatory leave, or overtime compensatory leave earned under the federal [Fair Labor Standards Act](#) to maintain benefits for the employee or the employee's dependents while the employee is on military duty.
- (c) Before an employee leaves for military service, any issues related to maintaining state health insurance coverage during the employee's military duty must be reviewed with him or her, including what the employee needs to do to maintain state health coverage, how health coverage is affected by paid or unpaid leave, and how to pay any premium required for health care coverage.
- (d) Continued accrual of service credit with the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) for an employee activated for military service shall be as determined by TRS consistent with State and federal law.

- 12.4 In accordance with *Texas Government Code* [Section 661.9041](#), the Chancellor or president of an institution shall grant sufficient emergency leave as differential pay to a state employee on unpaid military leave if the employee's military pay is less than the employee's state gross pay. The combination of emergency leave and military pay may not exceed the employee's actual state gross pay.

- Sec. 13 Family and Medical Leave. Any employee may request and receive a leave of absence without pay for up to 12 weeks per year for family and medical reasons specified by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ([29 United States Code Sec. 2601](#)) and accompanying regulations governing the Act, as set forth in approved institutional and System policies. Eligibility criteria are defined in the Act. Upon expiration of the 12 weeks of leave taken pursuant to the *Family and Medical Leave Act*, an employee may be eligible for a leave of absence without pay pursuant to Section 3 above. Additionally, an employee may be eligible for paid leave for reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic under the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).
- Sec. 14 Servicemember Family Leave. As specified by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ([29 United States Code Sec. 2601](#)) and accompanying regulations governing the Act and as set forth in approved institutional and System policies, any eligible employee who is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of a covered servicemember who is recovering from a serious illness or injury sustained in the line of duty while on active duty may request and receive a leave of absence without pay for up to 26 workweeks during a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember. Eligibility criteria are defined in the Act. An eligible employee is entitled to a combined total of 26 workweeks of leave under Sections 12 and 13 of this Rule during the single 12-month period described in this Section. This does not limit the leave available under Section 12 for any other 12-month period. Further, after the 26 weeks of leave expire, an employee may be eligible for a leave of absence without pay pursuant to Section 3 of this Rule.
- Sec. 15 Bone Marrow and Organ Donors. *Texas Government Code Section 661.916* provides that an employee is entitled to a leave of absence without a deduction in salary for the time necessary to permit the employee to serve as a bone marrow or organ donor. The leave of absence may not exceed five working days in a fiscal year to serve as a bone marrow donor or 30 working days in a fiscal year to serve as an organ donor.
- Sec. 16 Blood Donors. In accordance with *Texas Government Code Section 661.917*, an employee shall be allowed sufficient time off, without a deduction in salary or accrued leave to donate blood.

- 16.1 Approval. An employee may not receive time off unless the employee obtains approval from the employee's supervisor before taking off.
- 16.2 Proof. On returning to work after taking time off, the employee shall provide the employee's supervisor with proof that the employee donated blood during the time off. If an employee fails to provide proof that the employee donated blood during the time off, the employee will deduct the time from accrued leave, if available, or be placed on leave without pay.
- 16.3 Limitation. An employee may receive time off under this section not more than four times a year.

Sec. 17 Authorization for Absence. Authorization to be absent from usual and regular duties shall be obtained as prescribed in institutional regulations. Authorization for absence for a purpose related to his or her duties will be granted only under the following conditions:

- 17.1 When such absence is on State business, and
- 17.2 When appropriate provisions are made to carry on the duties of the absent person without additional expense to the institution; or
- 17.3 In the case of military leave, not to exceed 15 working days each year.

Sec. 18 Alternative Comprehensive Leave Policy. As an alternative to the leave policy set out in this rule, institutions may adopt an alternative comprehensive leave policy in compliance with Texas Education Code Section 51.961. Such a policy must be approved by the Board. Board approvals for such policies can be found in the Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms section, below.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 ([29 United States Code, Chapter 8](#))

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ([29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601](#))

Families First Coronavirus Response Act ([29 U.S.C. Sec. 2620](#)), and its implementing regulation at [29 C.F.R 826](#), regarding paid leave under the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act*

Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 ([38 U.S.C. Sec. 4301](#))

Armed Forces ([10 U.S.C. Sec. 101 et seq.](#))

National Guard ([32 U.S.C. Sec. 101 et seq.](#))

Texas Education Code [Section 51.101](#) – Definitions; Faculty Development Leaves of Absence

Texas Education Code [Section 51.961](#) – Leave Provisions for Employees of University System or Component Institution of System

Texas Government Code [Section 437.202](#) – Leave of Absence for Public Officers and Employees

Texas Government Code [Section 437.254](#) – Employees in Texas Military Forces; Emergency Leave

Texas Government Code [Section 659.023](#) – Compensatory Time Policy

Texas Government Code [Section 659.005](#) – Witness Fees; Jury Service

Texas Government Code [Section 661.202](#) – Entitlement to Sick Leave; General Provisions and Procedures

Texas Government Code [Section 661.905](#) – Volunteer Firefighters, Emergency Medical Services Volunteers, and Search and Rescue Volunteers

Texas Government Code [Section 661.904](#) – Military Leave During National Emergency

Texas Government Code [Section 661.9041](#) – Differential Pay

Texas Government Code [Section 661.909](#) – Leave Without Pay

Texas Government Code [Section 661.911](#) – Administrative Leave With Pay

Texas Government Code [Section 661.916](#) – Leave for Organ or Bone Marrow Donors

Texas Government Code [Section 661.917](#) – Donation of Blood

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30203](#) – Sick Leave Pool

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30204](#) – Family Leave Pool

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Employee Benefits

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Optional Retirement Program. As authorized by [Texas Government Code, Chapter 830](#), eligible employees may participate in the Optional Retirement Program (ORP) administered by the U. T. System and established pursuant to [Section 403\(b\)](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code*.

1.1 Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor authority to approve the ORP employer contribution rates for all institutions and U. T. System Administration in accordance with rules issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Board of Regents further delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the authority to sign and amend the ORP plan documents consistent with applicable law and to take all actions and make all decisions and interpretations necessary or appropriate to administer and operate the ORP consistent with the plan documents. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs will perform, or cause to be performed, such record keeping functions as necessary to administer and maintain the Program in accordance with [Section 403\(b\)](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, consistent with [Texas Government Code Section 830.001 et seq.](#)

Sec. 2 Excess Benefits Plan. The Board of Regents authorizes the establishment of a "governmental excess benefits plan" for the Optional Retirement Program, authorized under *Internal Revenue Code* [Section 415\(m\)](#) and *Texas Government Code* [Section 830.004](#) and designated as The University of Texas Governmental Retirement Arrangement (UTGRA).

2.1 Eligibility. Eligibility for participation shall be based on an employee's date of initial participation in the Optional Retirement Program and the employee's level of earnings. Participation in the program and all subsequent distributions shall be in accordance with the plan documents.

- 2.2 Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the power and authority to amend the plan documents consistent with applicable law and to take all actions and make all decisions and interpretations necessary or appropriate to administer and operate UTGRA consistent with the plan documents.
 - 2.3 Ownership. All funds participating in UTGRA including the monthly State contribution, amounts reduced from each participant's salary, and any subsequent investment earnings are the property of the Board of Regents until such time as an authorized distribution is executed in accordance with the plan documents.
 - 2.4 Trustee and Record Keeper. The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Physicians Referral Service Retirement Board (PRS Retirement Board) shall serve as trustee and record keeper for UTGRA.
- Sec. 3 Group Insurance Plans. The Chancellor on behalf of the Board of Regents shall administer all group insurance, health benefit programs, and cafeteria plans authorized by law for employees of the U. T. System and any of the institutions.
 - 3.1 Administration. The Chancellor shall provide for the planning, implementation, management, and administration of the employee group insurance and health benefit programs through such U. T. System committees and administrators, as the Chancellor deems appropriate.
- Sec. 4 Back-up Dependent Care. The Board of Regents authorizes U. T. System Administration or any U. T. institution to establish a back-up dependent care program for disruptions in child, adult, or elder dependent caregiving arrangements, so that employees may continue to fulfill work obligations.
- Sec. 5 Workers' Compensation Insurance. Pursuant to *Texas Labor Code* Section [503.001 et seq.](#), a self-insured Systemwide Workers' Compensation Insurance (W.C.I.) Program will provide certain benefits for injuries sustained in the course and scope of employment.

- 5.1 Investigation of Injuries. The Office of Risk Management shall investigate injuries, with the assistance of other appropriate System Administration and institution offices.
- 5.2 Reporting. The institutions of the U. T. System shall be responsible for reporting all work-related injuries to the Office Risk Management. The Office of Risk Management shall file reports of lost time injuries and occupational diseases with the Texas Department of Insurance - Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC).
- 5.3 Safety Activities. The Office of Risk Management shall coordinate occupational safety and health activities.
- 5.4 Funding. A percentage of annual payroll, as approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, shall be set aside to fund the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund (W.C.I. Fund).
 - (a) Each institutional chief business officer shall be responsible for the transmission of amounts to be added to the W.C.I. Fund for all salaries paid, as instructed by the Office of Risk Management, for receipt into the W.C.I. Fund no later than 20 days after the end of each month.
 - (b) The W.C.I. Fund must be deposited or invested in the same manner as other local institutional funds as specified in these *Rules and Regulations*.
- 5.5 Processing of Claims. The Office of Risk Management shall be responsible for processing all W.C.I. claims for medical care and compensation.
- 5.6 Report on Fund. The Office of Risk Management shall prepare an annual report on the status of the W.C.I. Fund for the Board of Regents.

- Sec. 6 Unemployment Compensation Insurance. The Unemployment Compensation Insurance (U.C.I.) Fund is established by the Board of Regents to be deposited or invested in the same manner as other local institutional funds. The Office of Risk Management shall administer funding by assessment on all salary sources that are eligible for benefits from the Systemwide U.C.I program.
- 6.1 Reimbursements to the State. The Systemwide U.C.I Program will reimburse the State from the U.C.I. Fund for claims charge-backs paid by the State Comptroller for former employees in accordance with *Texas Labor Code* [Section 205.001 et seq.](#)
- 6.2 Assessed Rates. Assessment rates shall be calculated to provide minimum U.C.I. Fund balance fluctuations and maximum rate stability. Each institutional chief business officer shall be responsible for the transmission of such assessed amounts, as instructed by the Office of Risk Management, for receipt into the U.C.I. Fund no later than 20 days after the end of the month.
- 6.3 Administrator. The Office of Risk Management, working in coordination with appropriate System and institution offices, shall administer the U.C.I. Program and provide assistance as necessary to the institutions of the U. T. System.
- 6.4 Annual Report. The Office of Risk Management shall prepare an annual report on the status of the U.C.I. Fund for the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 7 UTSaver Deferred Compensation Plan. As authorized by *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 609](#), any employee may participate in the UTSaver Deferred Compensation Plan administered by the U. T. System and established pursuant to [Section 457\(b\)](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code*.
- 7.1 Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the power and authority to amend the UTSaver Deferred Compensation Plan consistent with applicable law and to take all actions and to make all decisions and interpretations that may be necessary or appropriate to administer and operate the UTSaver Deferred

Compensation Plan, as further provided in the UTSaver Deferred Compensation Plan. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs will perform, or cause to be performed, such record keeping functions as necessary to administer and maintain the Plan in accordance with [Section 457\(b\)](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, consistent with *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 609](#).

Sec. 8 Discretionary Bonus Plans. As authorized by *Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated* [Article 6228a-5](#), Section 3(a), the Board approves the establishment of deferred compensation – Section 457(f) discretionary bonus plans.

8.1 Purpose of the Plans. Such plans provide financial incentives in recruiting highly qualified candidates for employment and encouraging existing qualified employees to continue to devote their best efforts to the service of the institutions of the U. T. System.

8.2 U. T. System Plan. The Board has established a deferred compensation – Section 457(f) discretionary bonus plan pursuant to [Section 457\(f\)](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, for the benefit of a select group of employees as defined by the Board.

(a) Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the power and authority to amend the U. T. System Deferred Compensation Plan consistent with applicable law and to take all actions and to make all decisions and interpretations that may be necessary or appropriate to administer and operate the U. T. System Deferred Compensation Plan as further provided in such Plan.

(b) Record Keeping. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs will perform, or cause to be performed, such record keeping functions as necessary to administer and maintain such Plan in accordance with [Sections 457\(f\)](#) and [409A](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, consistent with *Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated* [Article 6228a-5](#), Section 3(a).

- 8.3 Institution Prototype Plan. The Board of Regents has promulgated a prototype deferred compensation – Section 457(f) discretionary bonus plan which may be adopted by the various academic or health institutions. Only employees of the adopting institution with the appropriate approvals may participate in the Prototype Plan as adopted.
- (a) Administration of the Plan. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the authority to amend the Prototype Plan consistent with applicable law and to take all actions and to make all decisions and interpretations that may be necessary or appropriate to administer and operate the Prototype Plan.
- (b) Delegation to the Executive Vice Chancellor. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, as appropriate, the authority to approve an institution's adoption of the Prototype Plan, designation of an eligible employee to participate in such Plan, and the setting of the amount of deferred compensation to be made available to the eligible employee under such Plan.
- (c) Delegation to the President. The Board of Regents delegates to the President of the adopting institution the authority to designate eligible employees of such institution to participate in the Prototype Plan and the amount of deferred compensation with the approval of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. The President will perform, or cause to be performed, such record keeping functions as necessary to administer and maintain the institution's adoption of the Institution Deferred Compensation Prototype Plan in accordance with [Sections 457\(f\)](#) and [409A](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code* consistent with *Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated* [Article 6228a-5](#), Section 3(a).

- 8.4 Not Eligible for Retirement Benefits. Deferred compensation is not part of the base salary and shall be reported as a separate element of the employee's cash compensation. Deferred compensation is not eligible for Teacher Retirement System or Optional Retirement Program retirement benefits or other retirement benefits.

Sec. 9 Tax-Sheltered Annuities (T.S.A.) – Voluntary [Section 403\(b\)](#) Plan. As authorized by *Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated Article 6228a-5*, Sections 1 and 2, the Board has established a voluntary program pursuant to [Section 403\(b\)](#) of the *Internal Revenue Code*, for the benefit of all employees.

- 9.1 Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the power and authority to amend the UTSaver Tax-Sheltered Annuity Program consistent with applicable law and to take all actions and make all decisions and interpretations that may be necessary or appropriate to administer and operate the UTSaver Tax-Sheltered Annuity Program. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs will perform, or cause to be performed, such record keeping functions as necessary to administer and maintain the Plan in accordance with [Section 403\(b\)](#) of the *Internal Revenue Service Code*, consistent with *Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated Article 6228a-5*, Sections 1 and 2.
- 9.2 Authorized Companies. An employee may purchase annuities or any investment authorized in [Section 403\(b\)](#), *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, as amended from a company authorized to provide T.S.A. products and services to employees of the U. T. System.
- 9.3 Listing of Companies. The University of Texas System Office of Talent and Innovation, in consultation with the Office of Business Affairs, shall maintain a listing of companies authorized to offer annuities or other investments under the UTSaver Tax-Sheltered Annuity Program.

Sec. 10 Payroll Deductions. As authorized by Section 51.9611 of the *Texas Education Code*, the Board of Regents finds that a public purpose is served by and that employees are benefitted by allowing a payroll deduction for Educational Investment Programs.

10.1 Delegation. The Board delegates authority to the Chancellor to (1) establish a payroll deduction for Educational Investment Programs, (2) implement policies and procedures for the deduction, and (3) approve the collection of a fee to cover the costs of making the deduction.

10.2 Compliance. An authorized payroll deduction for any Educational Investment Program must comply with applicable State and federal laws. The proposed deduction must be at the written request of the employee and must state the amount to be deducted and the entity to which the deducted amount is to be transferred. The deduction will be in effect until revoked in writing by the employee, but the Chancellor may provide for enrollment periods.

Sec. 11 The adoption of any type of retirement benefit plan not listed in this Rule or mandated by State law requires the approval of the Board.

3. Definitions

Educational Investment Programs – accounts funded with after-tax dollars that permit an employee to either prepay or contribute to an account for paying a student's qualified education expenses at an eligible education institution as authorized under the *Internal Revenue Code* of 1986, as may be amended.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Internal Revenue Code [Section 403\(b\)](#)

Internal Revenue Code [Section 409A](#)

Internal Revenue Code [Section 415\(m\)](#)

Internal Revenue Code [Section 457\(b\)](#)

Internal Revenue Code [Section 457\(f\)](#)

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 609](#) – Deferred Compensation Plans

Texas Government Code [Section 830.001 et seq.](#) – Optional Retirement Program

Texas Government Code [Section 830.004\(c\)](#) – Administration

Texas Labor Code [Section 207.001 et seq.](#) – Payment of Benefits

Texas Labor Code [Section 503.001 et seq.](#) – Workers' Compensation Insurance

Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated [Article 6228a-5](#) – Annuities or Investments for Certain Public Employees

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Chief Business Officers
Chief Human Resources Officers
Risk Managers
Administrators
Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Talent and Innovation
Office of General Counsel
Office of Risk Management
Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Sick Leave Pool

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Introduction. Pursuant to *Texas Government Code* [Section 661.002](#) the Board of Regents is required to establish a program to allow a University of Texas System employee to voluntarily transfer previously earned sick leave to a sick leave pool. All institutions of the U. T. System shall establish and maintain a sick leave pool except for those institutions for which the Board of Regents has adopted a comprehensive leave policy in accordance with *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.961](#). The Chancellor, or his or her designee, shall administer the sick leave pool. The Board of Regents is required to adopt rules and prescribe procedures relating to the operation of the sick leave pool.

Sec. 2 Sick Leave Pool Administrator. An administrator designated by the president shall administer this policy at each institution and at the U. T. System Administration by a pool administrator designated by the Chancellor.

2.1 Regulations. The administrator shall adopt forms and regulations appropriate for administration of this rule.

2.2 Withdrawals. The decision of the administrator regarding withdrawals from the sick leave pool shall be final.

Sec. 3 Sick Leave Pool. The U. T. System sick leave pool shall consist of the sick leave voluntarily contributed by employees.

3.1 Contributions. Contributions to the pool must be in units of eight (8) hours. Employees are permitted to contribute an unlimited number of hours to the sick leave pool. Retiring employees are also permitted to contribute to the sick leave pool and may do so in increments of less than eight (8) hours.

3.2 Crediting of Sick Leave. The pool administrator shall credit the sick leave pool with the sick leave contributed by an employee and shall direct the human resources office to deduct a corresponding amount from that employee's accrued sick leave.

- 3.3 Non-designation of Use. Sick leave contributed to the pool may not be designated for the use of a particular person.
- 3.4 Encouragement to Contribute. Although contributions are voluntary, employees who leave State employment should be encouraged to contribute to the pool, unless there is a possibility that they will be reemployed by the State within twelve months and thereby eligible to have their sick leave balance restored.

Sec. 4 Withdrawal of Leave. Applications to withdraw sick leave from the pool must be submitted on the form prescribed by the pool administrator. An application must be filed with the pool administrator and be accompanied by a statement from the licensed physician who treated the illness or injury that resulted in the exhaustion of the accrued annual and sick leave of the employee making the application. The pool administrator will consider applications in the order in which they are received and will approve or deny an application within ten (10) working days after receipt.

- 4.1 Eligibility. An employee is eligible to withdraw sick leave from the pool if
 - (a) the employee has exhausted the employee's sick leave because of a catastrophic illness/injury or a previous donation of time to the pool; and
 - (b) the employee, or a member of the employee's immediate family, has suffered a catastrophic illness or injury.
- 4.2 Amount Assigned. In determining the amount of sick leave to be assigned to an eligible employee from the pool, the pool administrator shall take into consideration the information contained in the employee's application, the number of applications then pending, and the amount of sick leave available in the pool. In no event shall the sick leave allocated to an eligible employee from the pool exceed ninety (90) days or one-third (1/3) of the sick leave pool balance, whichever is less. Upon approval of an employee's application, the pool administrator shall

notify the human resources office of the amount of sick leave to be assigned to the employee.

- 4.3 Use of Sick Leave. The employee may use sick leave assigned from the pool in the same manner as sick leave earned by the employee and shall be treated for all purposes as if the employee were absent on earned sick leave.
- 4.4 Deceased Employees. The estate of a deceased employee shall not be entitled to payment for unused sick leave assigned from the pool.
- 4.5 Use of Sick Leave. Sick leave may be taken to care for members of an employee's family who do not reside in the same household only if the time taken is necessary to provide care to a spouse, child, or parent of the employee who needs care due to a documented medical condition. Sick leave may not be taken to care for an employee's parents-in-law if they do not live in the same household as the employee.

3. Definitions

Catastrophic Illness or Injury - a severe condition or combination of conditions affecting the mental or physical health of an employee or the employee's immediate family requiring the services of a licensed physician for a prolonged period of time and requires the employee to exhaust accrued leave and to lose compensation from the State.

Employee - an eligible employee of the U. T. System or any of the institutions. An eligible employee is defined as employed for at least 20 hours per week for a period of at least four and one-half months, and not employed in a position for which student status is required as a condition of the employment.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 661, Subchapter A](#) – State Employee Sick Leave Pool

Texas Education Code [Section 51.961](#) – Leave Provisions for Employees

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Family Leave Pool

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Introduction. Pursuant to *Texas Government Code* [Section 661.022](#), the Board of Regents is required to establish a program to allow a University of Texas System employee to voluntarily transfer previously earned sick or vacation leave to a family leave pool and is required to adopt rules and prescribe procedures relating to the operation of the pool. All institutions of the U. T. System shall establish and maintain a family leave pool except for those institutions which are exempt under *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.961](#), due to the adoption of a comprehensive leave policy.

The purpose of the state employee family leave program is to:

- (1) provide eligible employees more flexibility in:
 - (A) bonding with and caring for children during a child's first year following birth, adoption, or foster placement; and
 - (B) caring for a seriously ill family member or the employee, including pandemic-related illnesses or complications caused by a pandemic; and
- (2) allow employees to apply for leave time under the family leave pool.

Sec. 2 Family Leave Pool Administrator. The Chancellor, or his or her designee, shall administer the U.T. System Administration family leave pool.

The president, or his or her designee, shall administer the family leave pool at each U. T. institution.

Each designated administrator shall adopt forms and procedures appropriate for administration of this Rule.

Sec. 3 Family Leave Pool. Each family leave pool shall consist of the sick and vacation leave voluntarily contributed by employees.

- 3.1 Contributions. Contributions to each pool must be in units of eight (8) hours. Employees are permitted to contribute an unlimited number of hours to a family leave pool.

A retiring employee has the option to contribute accrued sick or vacation leave hours to a family leave pool as well as designate accrued sick or vacation leave to be used for retirement credit. A retiring employee has discretion to designate the amount of accrued leave to be used for each purpose.

- 3.2 Crediting of Family Leave. Each pool administrator shall credit the family leave pool with the amount of time contributed by an employee and shall direct the appropriate office to deduct a corresponding amount from that employee's earned sick or vacation leave as if the employee had used the time for personal purposes.
- 3.3 Non-designation of Use. Sick or vacation leave contributed to a pool may not be designated for the use of a particular person.

Sec. 4 Withdrawal of Leave.

- 4.1 Eligibility. An employee is eligible to use time contributed to a family leave pool if the employee has exhausted the employee's eligible compensatory, discretionary, sick, and vacation leave because of:
- (1) the birth of a child;
 - (2) the placement of a foster child or adoption of a child under 18 years of age;
 - (3) the placement of any person 18 years of age or older requiring guardianship;
 - (4) a serious illness to an immediate family member or the employee, including a pandemic-related illness;
 - (5) an extenuating circumstance created by an ongoing pandemic, including providing essential care to a family member; or
 - (6) a previous donation of time to the pool.

If a pool administrator determines an employee is eligible, the administrator shall approve the transfer of time from the pool to the employee and credit the time to the employee.

4.2 Applications for Withdrawal of Leave.

An employee may apply to a pool administrator for permission to withdraw time from the family leave pool. Applications must be submitted on the form prescribed by the pool administrator.

Each pool administrator will consider applications in the order in which they are received and will approve or deny an application as soon as practicable after receipt.

4.3 Required Documentation.

An employee who applies to use time to care for another person under 4.1(1)-(3) must submit and be listed on the other person's birth certificate, birth facts, or adoption or foster paperwork for a child under 18 years of age, including being listed as the mother, father, adoptive parent, foster parent, or partner of the child's mother, adoptive parent, or foster parent or must provide documentation that the employee is the guardian of a person who is 18 years of age or older and requiring guardianship.

If an employee is seeking permission to withdraw time because of a serious illness, including a pandemic-related illness, of an immediate family member or the employee and does not qualify for or has exhausted time available in the sick leave pool, the employee must provide the pool administrator with a written statement from the licensed practitioner who is treating the employee or the employee's immediate family member.

If an employee is seeking permission to withdraw time because of an extenuating circumstance created by an ongoing pandemic, including providing essential care to a family member, the employee must provide any applicable documentation, including an essential caregiver designation, proof of closure of a school or daycare, or other appropriate documentation.

- 4.4 Amount Assigned. In determining the amount of family leave to be assigned to an eligible employee from a pool, the pool administrator shall take into consideration the information contained in the employee's application, the number of applications then pending, and the amount of family leave available in the pool.

The decision of the administrator regarding withdrawals from the family leave pool shall be final.

In no event shall the family leave allocated to an eligible employee from the pool exceed ninety (90) days or one-third (1/3) of the family leave pool balance, whichever is less.

Upon approval of an employee's application, the pool administrator shall notify the appropriate institution office of the amount of family leave to be assigned to the employee.

- 4.5 Equal Treatment. The employee may use family leave assigned from the pool in the same manner as sick leave earned by the employee and shall be treated for all purposes as if the employee were absent on earned sick leave.
- 4.6 Deceased Employees. The estate of a deceased employee shall not be entitled to payment for unused sick leave assigned from a pool.

3. Definitions

Employee - an eligible employee of the U. T. System or any of the institutions. An eligible employee is defined as employed for at least 20 hours per week for a period of at least four and one-half months, and not employed in a position for which student status is required as a condition of the employment.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code, [Section 661.022](#) – State Employee Family Leave Pool

Texas Education Code [Section 51.961](#) – Leave Provisions for Employees

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30203](#) – Sick Leave Pool

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Talent and Innovation

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Employment of Retirees

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Required Retirement. No person employed by The University of Texas System or any of the institutions shall be required to retire because of age except as permitted by law. However, a licensed pilot operating an aircraft under [Part 91 of the Federal Aviation Regulations](#) may be employed as a pilot until the end of the fiscal year that includes the pilot's 70th birthday.

Sec. 2 Modified Service. In accordance with the *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.964](#), an institution of higher education may employ a person who has retired under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) or the Optional Retirement Program (ORP) if:

- 2.1 the Board of Regents or a designee identified in [Rule 10501](#) determines that the employment is in the best interest of the U. T. System and,
- 2.2 a person retired under TRS must have been retired for at least 30 days before the effective date of reemployment;
or
- 2.3 a person retired under the ORP may be rehired after retirement without a break in service.

Sec. 3 Restrictions. Appointment to modified service shall be without tenure, and for not more than one academic year. The notice provisions of [Rule 31002](#), Section 1 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* shall not apply to nonrenewal of such appointments. If the U. T. System or any of the institutions determines that it is in the best interest of the U. T. System, it may offer appointment or reappointment to modified service.

3. Definitions

Retirement – withdrawal from employment with the U. T. System or any of the institutions with a retirement benefit or enrollment in retiree health insurance.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.922](#) – Mandatory Retirement Prohibited

Texas Education Code [Section 51.964](#) – Hiring of Certain Retirees

Texas Government Code [Section 2252.901](#) – Contracts with Former or Retired Agency Employees

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel
Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Employee and Faculty Advisory Councils

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Employee Advisory Council. A staff Employee Advisory Council represents institutions in the U. T. System to facilitate the flow of ideas and information between and among the Board of Regents, the System Administration, and the institutions of the System. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs or his or her designee serves as System liaison to the Council. Representatives of the Employee Advisory Council are encouraged to address the Board of Regents at meetings of the Board, including meetings of the Standing Committees, and may recommend action to the Board through the Chancellor. At least once each year, a meeting will be arranged between the Employee Advisory Council Executive Committee and the Board of Regents.

Sec. 2 Faculty Advisory Council. A Faculty Advisory Council represents institutions in the U. T. System to facilitate the flow of ideas and information between and among the Board of Regents, the System Administration, and the institutions of the System. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or his or her designee serves as System liaison to the Council. Representatives of the Faculty Advisory Council are encouraged to address the Board of Regents at meetings of the Board, including meetings of the Standing Committees, and may recommend action to the Board through the Chancellor. At least once each year, a meeting will be arranged between the Faculty Advisory Council Executive Committee and the Board of Regents.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 50201](#) – Student Advisory Council

6. Who Should Know

Employees
Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs
Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Employee Evaluations

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec.1 Annual Evaluation. An annual evaluation program for all employees (administrative, faculty and classified) within The University of Texas System or any of the institutions is to be used for the improvement of performance, promotion consideration, and merit salary review.
- Sec. 2 Development of Policies. System Administration and each institution of the U. T. System will develop policies and procedures regarding evaluations for inclusion in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* or a Policies and Procedures Memorandum issued by the U. T. System Administration Office of Human Resources, as appropriate, after prior approval.
- Sec. 3 Probationary Policies. System Administration and each institution of the U. T. System shall establish a probationary period not to exceed six months of actual service for all new classified employees. Probationary employees will be evaluated pursuant to procedures and criteria that have been approved for inclusion in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* or [The University of Texas System HOP 3.5.1](#) (Probationary Period for Classified Employees), as appropriate.
- Sec. 4 Faculty Evaluations. Faculty in tenure-track appointments will be evaluated pursuant to criteria contained in these *Rules and Regulations* and procedures and criteria that have been approved for inclusion in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30103](#) – Standards of Conduct

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30601](#) – Discipline and Dismissal of Classified Employees

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31101](#) – Evaluation of Administrators

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31102](#) – Evaluation of Tenured Faculty

The University of Texas System [HOP 3.5.1, Probationary Period for Classified Employees](#)

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Discipline and Dismissal of Classified Employees

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Policy. It is the policy of The University of Texas System to encourage fair and efficient processes to resolve disputes arising out of the employment relationship and to meet the requirements of State and federal law.

Sec. 2 Establishment of Policies. System Administration and each U. T. System institution shall adopt a policy governing discipline and dismissal of classified employees. Such a policy, at the minimum, shall comply with the provisions below and become effective upon approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

2.1 Purpose. The purpose of a policy is to provide a procedure for the discipline and dismissal of classified employees who are subject to its provisions.

2.2 At-Will Employees. Classified employees are at-will employees who serve without tenure. No provision of this policy or any policy adopted by System Administration or any U. T. System institution shall confer rights to employees that are contrary to the employment-at-will doctrine.

Sec. 3 Required Provisions. The policy adopted by System Administration and each U. T. System institution shall address the following elements:

3.1 Applicability. The policy shall be applicable to conduct or job performance of a classified employee that results in a decision to impose a disciplinary penalty of demotion, suspension without pay, or dismissal. The policy shall not apply to:

(a) Faculty or Police. Institutional police or faculty who are subject to other approved discipline or dismissal procedures;

(b) Suspension. Suspension with pay pending investigation of allegations relating to an employee;

- (c) Appointed Positions. Decisions not to offer reappointment to persons whose appointment for a stated period of one year or less expires at the end of such period;
 - (d) Positions without Fixed Term. Employees who are appointed to positions without fixed term and serve at the pleasure of a specific administrative officer;
 - (e) Student Status. Persons who are employed in positions that require student status as a condition of employment; or
 - (f) Dismissal. Dismissal of employees:
 - (1) who occupy positions that are dependent upon funding from a specific source and such funding is not received;
 - (2) as a result of a reduction in force;
 - (3) due to financial exigency;
 - (4) during any probationary period of employment;
 - (5) who are appointed for a stated period that is less than 180 days;
 - (6) who are appointed at a per diem or hourly rate and work on an as needed basis;
 - (7) who have not attained or maintained the necessary clearance, certification, or licensure for their positions; or
 - (8) who have exhausted applicable leave entitlements.
- 3.2 Conduct Subject to Disciplinary Actions. The policy shall include provisions pertaining to requisite standards of conduct for employees, work performance, and unacceptable conduct that can subject an employee to disciplinary action.

- 3.3 Procedures. The policy shall include disciplinary and appeal procedures consistent with the following provisions:
- (a) Notice and Opportunity to Respond. The employee shall be informed in writing of the reasons for the proposed disciplinary action and the facts upon which the proposed discipline is based. The employee shall be provided with a reasonable opportunity to respond to the proposed disciplinary action before a final decision is made to take disciplinary action.
 - (b) Appeals. The employee shall be provided a process to appeal a disciplinary demotion, suspension without pay, or dismissal to the vice president or administrative equivalent for the employee's department.
 - (1) The vice president or administrative equivalent shall, at his or her discretion, handle the appeal or appoint a delegate(s). The decision of the vice president or administrative equivalent is final.
 - (2) The employee has the right to be represented during the appeal by an attorney or other individual representative. If the employee is represented by an attorney or an individual from an employee organization, the institution may be represented by an attorney from the institution or the Office of General Counsel of The University of Texas System.

3. Definitions

Classified Employee – any employee in a position that has been designated as a classified employee in the Classified Personnel Pay Plan of the employing U. T. System institution.

Financial Exigency – a state in which financial demands call for budget cuts.

Work Performance – includes all aspects of an employee's work including the performance of job duties and adherence to work conduct standards.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 554.002](#) – Retaliation Prohibited for Reporting Violation of Law

Texas Government Code [Section 617 et seq.](#) – Collective Bargaining and Strikes

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 30501](#) – Employee Evaluations

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 30602](#) – Employee Grievance

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 30101](#) – Classified Personnel Pay Plan

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 30103](#) – Standards of Conduct

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 133, Classified Pay Plan](#)

Office of General Counsel - [Model Policy for Discipline and Dismissal of Classified Employees](#)

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Employee Grievance

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Policy. It is the policy of The University of Texas System or any of the institutions to encourage fair, efficient, and equitable solutions for problems arising out of the employment relationship and to meet the requirements of State and federal law.

Sec. 2 Scope of Policy. This policy shall be applicable to complaints concerning wages, hours of work, working conditions, performance evaluations, merit raises, job assignments, reprimands, the interpretation or application of a rule, regulation or policy, unlawful discrimination on any basis, or allegations that the termination of a probationary or temporary employee or an hourly or per diem employee who works on an as needed basis was for an unlawfully discriminatory reason. Such complaints shall not be processed through the Discipline and Dismissal Appeal Procedure. Such complaints will be considered on an informal basis in order to allow prompt correction or explanation of the subject of the complaint.

Sec. 3 Who is Covered. The complaint of all employees (except employees subject to another approved grievance procedure), including probationary and temporary employees and those hourly or per diem employees who work on an as needed basis, will be considered pursuant to the procedure provided below.

Sec. 4 Retaliation Prohibited. *Texas Government Code* [Section 554.002](#) states that "a state or local governmental entity may not suspend or terminate the employment of, or take other adverse personnel action against, a public employee who in good faith reports a violation of law by the employing governmental entity or another public employee to an appropriate law enforcement authority." Therefore, employees shall not be penalized, disciplined, or prejudiced for exercising the right to make a complaint or for aiding another employee in the presentation of that complaint.

Sec. 5 Presentation to Supervisor. The employee shall informally present the complaint to his or her supervisor for discussion, consideration, and resolution within five working days from the

date of the action, which is subject of the complaint. If the supervisor is the subject of the complaint, the employee may address the complaint to the appropriate department head or administrative equivalent.

- Sec. 6 Presentation to Department Head. If the supervisor does not satisfactorily resolve the complaint within five working days, the employee may present the complaint in writing within five working days to the appropriate department head or administrative equivalent for consideration and action. The written complaint should be clearly identified as a grievance, contain a concise statement that explains the specific complaint, and contain the employee's recommendation for attaining a sufficient remedy of the complaint. A written decision shall be mailed to the employee within five working days of receipt of the complaint.
- Sec. 7 Presentation to Dean. If the employee is not satisfied with the decision of the department head or administrative equivalent, a written appeal stating why the appealed decision is incorrect may be made to the appropriate dean, director or administrative equivalent within five working days of the date of the appealed decision. A written decision shall be mailed to the employee within ten working days of the date of the appeal.
- Sec. 8 Presentation to Appropriate Vice President. Complaints not satisfactorily resolved by the dean, director or administrative equivalent may be appealed in writing to the appropriate vice president or administrative equivalent for the employee's department within five working days of the date of the appealed decision. The appeal shall state why the appealed decision is not correct. Within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty calendar days following receipt of the appeal, a written decision shall be mailed to the employee. This decision is final.
- Sec. 9 Employee's File. The written complaint and all decisions or responses regarding such complaint shall be a part of the employee's personnel file.

3. Definitions

Grievance – a statement of complaint arising from the employment relationship together with a recommendation for resolution of the complaint that is identified as a grievance.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.960](#) – Grievance Rights on Certain Personnel Issues

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 554](#) – Protection for Reporting Violations of Law

Texas Government Code [Section 617.005](#) – Collective Bargaining and Strikes

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[The University of Texas System HOP 3.5.3, Grievance](#)

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Human Resources
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Faculty Appointments and Titles

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Introduction. *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.943](#) outlines the steps Texas public institutions of higher education must follow in reappointing faculty. That statute specifies that faculty members as defined in Subsection 2.1 and 2.2 who are to be reappointed shall be offered a written contract at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the academic year. The statute also outlines the steps an institution must take if it is unable to provide a written contract, commonly referred to as a Memorandum of Appointment, within the specified time frame. The content of such contracts must appropriately reflect the rights of the institution and the faculty.

Sec. 2 Academic Titles. To achieve consistency in the use of academic titles among the institutions of the System, the following Subsections describe the use of titles to apply in all institutions.

2.1 Tenure Titles. The three titles Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor, and the titles listed in Subsection 2.3, with the exception of 2.3(g), are the only titles to be used in which faculty members may hold tenure or be on the tenure track. Tenured or tenure-track faculty members with one of these three titles may also simultaneously hold honorific titles as described in Subsection 2.3. The conferring of an honorific title does not change a faculty member's tenure or tenure-track status except as described in Subsection 2.3.

2.2 NonTenure-Track Titles. The academic titles listed in this subsection may also be used by U. T. institutions. Tenure may not be awarded to an individual appointed to one of these titles.

Academic service with these titles, with the exception of the title of Instructor, does not allow for the accrual of time toward tenure.

Appointments shall terminate at the expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of

nonrenewal, except for appointments to the title of Instructor. Instructor appointments may only be terminated in accordance with Regents' [Rule 31008](#).

If an institution determines that it is to the benefit of the institution, it may offer reappointments to faculty holding these titles in accordance with *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.943](#), except that an institution may not offer reappointments to individuals holding the titles Visiting Professor, Visiting Associate Professor, or Visiting Assistant Professor. Such reappointments may be renewed annually for one, two, or three years.

- (a) Instructor. This title denotes a probationary appointment and may allow for the accrual of time toward tenure.
- (b) Lecturer. This title may be used for individuals who will augment and complement regular teaching faculty. Upon approval by the president, an institution may identify up to three divisions within this rank to be designated Lecturer I, Lecturer II, and Lecturer III.
- (c) Senior Lecturer. This title may be used for individuals who will augment and complement regular teaching faculty and who demonstrate excellence in service and performance in their experience and qualifications.
- (d) Distinguished Senior Lecturer. This title may be used for individuals who will augment and complement regular teaching faculty and who demonstrate excellence in service and performance in their experience and qualifications.
- (e) Faculty Associate. This title may be used for an individual who is participating in nonteaching clinical practices or for an individual assigned to a research or nonteaching center, institute, or other unit or interdisciplinary program of an institution.
- (f) Specialist. This title may be used for professional individuals who will serve as practitioners in specific areas of instruction, training, or supervision. In accordance with institutional policy, the title may carry

appropriate descriptive prefixes to indicate the specific areas of proficiency, such as Practice Teaching Specialist, Physical Activity Specialist, or Social Work Field Training Specialist.

- (g) Professor of (title of specialty), Associate Professor of (title of specialty), Assistant Professor of (title of specialty), and Instructor of (title of specialty). These titles may be used for individuals appointed to full-time or part-time positions for the primary purpose of patient care and other service activities or to full-time or part-time positions for the primary purpose of research activities, even though the individuals may be assigned teaching responsibilities.
- (h) Visiting Professor, Visiting Associate Professor, and Visiting Assistant Professor. These titles are used only for temporary appointments of individuals either visiting from other institutions where they hold similar ranks or who are brought to the institution on a trial basis. Such appointments are limited to two years and are not renewable.
- (i) Adjunct Professor, Adjunct Associate Professor, Adjunct Assistant Professor, and Adjunct Instructor. One of these titles may be used when a qualified individual from business, industry, government, private practice, or another institution of higher education may be participating in teaching, research, or clinical care at a U. T. institution. Appointments to the faculty with an adjunct title may be with or without pay and shall be for a stated period of time not to exceed one academic year. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.
- (j) Clinical Professor, Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Instructor, Senior Clinical Instructor, Distinguished Clinical Instructor. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate regular part-time or full-time service on the faculty while involved in research or a professional clinical experience program. Appointments to the faculty with a clinical title may be with or without pay and shall be for a period of time

not to exceed three academic years. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.

- (k) Adjoint Professor, Adjoint Associate Professor, and Adjoint Assistant Professor. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate faculty who serve the institution in cooperative or joint programs pursuant to a memorandum of understanding, cooperative research and development agreement, or similar partnership instrument. Individuals holding these titles will be employees of and compensated by the partnership organization. They will not be deemed employees of the institution. They will, however, have the same obligations, responsibilities, and authority as regular faculty employed directly by the institution when performing faculty functions pursuant to the agreement. Appointments will usually be part-time for the purpose of supervising theses and dissertations or for the teaching of highly specialized courses. The term of the appointment shall be specified in the agreement with the partner organization.
- (l) Professor of Practice, Associate Professor of Practice, and Assistant Professor of Practice. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate regular part-time or full-time service for faculty qualified to teach or conduct research by virtue of professional experience in lieu of typical academic credentials. Appointments to the faculty with these titles may be with or without pay and shall be for a period of time not to exceed three academic years. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.
- (m) Professor of Instruction, Associate Professor of Instruction, and Assistant Professor of Instruction. These titles may be used by the institutions of the U. T. System to designate nontenure-track faculty primarily engaged in instruction. Appointments to the faculty with a Professor of Instruction title may be with or without pay and shall be for a period of time not to

exceed three academic years. Such appointments shall terminate upon expiration of the stated period of appointment without notification of nonrenewal.

- 2.3 Honorific Titles. Faculty members may hold multiple honorific titles at the same time.
- (a) Regental Professor. Any faculty member who is awarded the Nobel Prize or who has in the past been awarded the Nobel Prize may, upon recommendation of the president of the institution, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, be given the title Regental Professor by the Board. Because of the great honor associated with the award of a Nobel Prize, institutional tenure is awarded to Regental Professors by virtue of the appointment to this rank.
 - (b) Distinguished Teaching Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions to education, members of an institutional academy of distinguished teachers may use the honorific title Distinguished Teaching Professor. The use of this title may be conferred or removed only upon approval in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.
 - (c) Regents' Research Scholar. The Regents' Research Scholar program ended in 2017, and this title is no longer offered; however, faculty members with the title may retain it at U. T. institutions. Under the program, any tenure-track faculty recruit, was eligible for the title.
 - (d) Distinguished Research Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions to research, members of an institutional academy of distinguished researchers may use the honorific title Distinguished Research Professor. This title may be conferred or removed only upon approval in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.
 - (e) Distinguished University Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions through membership in

the National Academies (e.g., Medicine, Engineering, Science, Humanities) or an equivalent recognition, faculty may use the honorific title Distinguished University Professor. This title may be conferred or removed only upon approval in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

- (f) Distinguished Service Professor. In recognition of their significant contributions through service to their institution or U. T. System; the profession; and/or the community, state, or nation, faculty may use the honorific title Distinguished Service Professor. This title may be conferred or removed only upon in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.
- (g) Emeritus Titles. Titles such as Dean Emeritus, Chair Emeritus, Professor Emeritus, and similar honorary designations may be given to an institution's retired faculty member or in anticipation of the retirement of a faculty member, effective upon retirement. The conferring of one of these titles is not automatic upon retirement and may be conferred only upon approval in accordance with procedures included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

2.4 Student, Trainee and Other Non-Faculty Titles

- (a) Assistant Instructor and Graduate Teaching Associate. These titles may be used for:
 - Enrolled graduate students or trainees (e.g., chief residents or fellows) who are teaching part-time or full-time and are the instructors of record for a course; or
 - Individuals who, because of the nature of their duties, do not qualify for one of the usual academic titles.
- (b) Graduate Teaching Assistant. This title may be used for graduate students who are not the instructor of record for a course but are employed on a part-time basis and assist faculty.

Sec. 3 Departure from an Administrative Position. Administrative and academic (faculty) titles, duties, and pay rates for individuals who hold both administrative and academic appointments are distinct and severable. Departure or removal from an administrative position does not impair the individual's rights and responsibilities as a faculty member.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.943](#) – Renewal of Faculty Employment Contracts

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Notice of Nonrenewal to Nontenured Faculty Members

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Notice of Nontenured Faculty. In the event of decision not to reappoint a nontenured faculty member in an academic rank specified in [Rule 31007](#), Section 3 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* written notice will be given to them not later than March 1 of the first academic year of probationary service if the appointment expires at the end of that academic year, or not later than December 15 of the second academic year of probationary service if the appointment expires at the end of that academic year. After two or more academic years, written notice shall be given not later than 30 days prior to the end of the then current academic year that the subsequent year will be the terminal academic year of appointment and a Memorandum of Appointment shall be provided to such faculty member in accordance with *Texas Education Code Section 51.943*. The notice required by this Section is not applicable where termination of employment is for good cause as defined in [Rule 31008](#), of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*.
- Sec. 2 Notice of Faculty on Term Tenure. A faculty member serving a seven-year term appointment shall be given notice not later than 30 days prior to the end of the sixth academic year of such appointment period that the subsequent academic year will be the terminal year of employment or that, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents, at the conclusion of the subsequent academic year he or she will be reappointed to a seven-year term appointment. A Memorandum of Appointment shall be provided to such faculty member in accordance with *Texas Education Code Section 51.943*.
- Sec. 3 Notice and Approval by President Required. Upon expiration of an appointment period, reappointment of nontenured members of the faculty may be accomplished only by approval of the president of an institution. Reappointment of members of the faculty who are serving a seven-year term appointment to a succeeding seven-year term appointment may be accomplished only by notice by the president of an institution or his or her delegate. No nontenured member of the faculty shall expect continued employment beyond the period of his or her current appointment. Any commitment to employ a nontenured member

of the faculty beyond the period of his or her current employment shall have no force and effect until approved by the president of the institution.

Notwithstanding any provisions of Rule 31007, Section 5 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, or Sections 1 and 2 of this Rule to the contrary, no person shall be deemed to have been reappointed or to have been awarded tenure or a seven-year appointment because notice is not given or received by the time prescribed in Rule 31007, Section 5 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, or Sections 1 and 2 of this Rule or in the manner prescribed in Section 1 of Rule 31003 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*. Should it occur that no notice is received by the time prescribed in Rule 31007, Section 5 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, or Sections 1 and 2 of this Rule, it is the duty of the faculty member concerned to make inquiry to determine the decision of the president of an institution, who shall without delay give the required notice to the faculty member.

Sec. 4 Current Mailing Address. Each faculty member shall keep the president of the institution or his or her delegate notified of his or her current mailing address. The written notice required by this Rule and [Rule 31007](#), Section 5 concerning tenure shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last address given by the faculty member.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.943](#)– Renewal of Faculty Employment Contracts.

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31001](#) – Faculty Appointments and Titles

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31007](#) – Tenure

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31008](#) – Termination of a Faculty Member

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 198](#), *Termination of a Faculty Member*

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs
Office of General Counsel
Office of Human Resources

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Abandonment of Academic Positions or Programs

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 President's Responsibility. The president of an institution of The University of Texas System is responsible for determining when to eliminate occupied academic positions, the titles of which are given in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31001](#), or abandon academic programs or both, subject to approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. The decision of the president shall include full and meaningful faculty input as specified below and in the institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*, and the implementation of that decision shall be subject to the following minimum procedural requirements.

Sec. 2 Elimination for Academic Reasons. An academic program under consideration for abandonment or an academic position that is under consideration for elimination for bona fide academic reasons should be reviewed in depth through a procedure determined by the president that includes the elements specified below and in the institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. Neither the procedures specified in [Rule 31008](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* concerning termination of a faculty member, the notice requirements of [Rule 31007](#), Section 5 concerning tenure, nor [Rule 31002](#), Sections 1 and 2, concerning notice of nonrenewal to nontenured faculty members, shall be applicable.

2.1 Notification. Tenured faculty in a program that is under consideration for abandonment or in an academic position that is under consideration for elimination will be notified and afforded an opportunity to contribute to the review process through a duly constituted committee consisting of faculty members and administrators and have those contributions fairly considered.

2.2 Supporting Rationale. Upon completion of the review process, a recommendation with supporting rationale should be submitted to the chief academic officer for review and recommendation to the president.

2.3 Review by Executive Vice Chancellor. If the president determines that an academic program should be

abandoned, a request for approval with supporting documentation should be forwarded to the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor.

- 2.4 Appeal Procedures. The president of an institution shall appoint a hearing committee comprised of faculty members to consider any appeals for reconsideration of termination decisions. Within 30 days from the date of notice of termination, a faculty member shall have the right to appeal to the hearing committee for reconsideration of the termination decision. The appeal for reconsideration shall be in writing and addressed to the president of the institution. A faculty member who appeals to the hearing committee (the appellant) shall be given a reasonably adequate written statement of the basis for the initial decision to reduce academic positions and, upon request of the person, shall be given any written data or information relied upon in arriving at such decision. The hearing committee shall conduct the hearing in accordance with the following conditions and procedures:
- (a) The hearing committee shall set the date, time, and place for hearing the appeal for reconsideration. Such hearing shall be held within 30 days of the date of the written request unless the appellant waives such time requirement; however, such hearing shall be held within 90 days from the date of the request.
 - (b) The hearing will be closed to the public unless requested to be open by the appellant.
 - (c) The appellant may be represented by legal counsel at his or her expense.
 - (d) The appellant and the institution may offer any written evidence or oral testimony that is material to the issues.
 - (e) The burden shall be upon the appellant to show by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the decision to terminate the appellant as compared to another individual in the same discipline or teaching specialty was arbitrary and unreasonable based upon the evidence presented.

(f) No other issues shall be heard or considered by the hearing committee.

2.5 Establishment of Date. The date for abandoning or phasing out an academic program should take into consideration the time required for anticipated completion by students currently enrolled or for facilitation of their placement in acceptable alternative programs.

2.6 Requests for Reassignment. The administration will notify tenured faculty in the program to be abandoned and ask each faculty member to inform the president or designee, in writing, of the faculty member's request for reassignment to other academic program(s) and to provide details of their qualifications for appointment to such academic program(s).

2.7 Employment Alternatives. The president or designee will meet individually with tenured faculty who respond to discuss possible employment alternatives to termination.

2.8 Non-retention. If the decision is not to retain, the president or designee will send a written response stating reasons for non-retention.

2.9 Displacement. If retention of a tenured faculty member results in displacement of a tenured faculty member in another program, the displaced faculty member is entitled to the above procedures.

2.10 Benefit Information. Any faculty member whose employment is terminated pursuant to this Subsection shall be informed of applicable benefits available upon termination, such as retirement, accrued leave, and opportunity to continue insurance coverage.

2.11 Employment Assistance. U. T. System institutions shall provide appropriate assistance to affected faculty members concerning available alternative employment opportunities.

Sec. 3 Elimination Due to an Institutional Financial Exigency. When such reductions are necessary as a result of financial exigency, the procedure for the selection and notification of those

academic positions that are to be terminated shall be governed by this Section and the institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. Neither the procedures specified in [Rule 31008](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* concerning termination of a faculty member, nor the notice requirements of [Rule 31007](#), Section 5 concerning tenure, or [Rule 31002](#), Sections 1 and 2, concerning notice of nonrenewal to nontenured faculty members, shall be applicable.

- 3.1 **Committee Recommendations.** Upon determining the existence of a financial exigency and the need to reduce academic positions or academic programs, or both, the president of an institution shall appoint a committee composed of faculty and administrative personnel to make recommendations to the president as to which academic positions and/or academic programs should be eliminated as a result of the financial exigency. At least one-half of the total committee membership shall be faculty members and at least one-half of the faculty members on the committee shall be appointed from recommendations submitted to the president from the institution's faculty governance body.
- 3.2 **Assessment of Academic Program.** The committee will review and assess the academic programs of the institution and identify those academic positions that may be eliminated with minimum effect upon the degree programs that should be continued and upon other critical components of the institution's mission. The review will include, but not be limited to, as relevant:
 - (a) an examination of the course offerings, degree programs, supporting degree programs, teaching specialties, and semester credit hour production;
 - (b) an evaluation of the quality, centrality, and funding of research activities; and/or
 - (c) an assessment of the productivity, community service, and quality of clinical services (in relation to teaching, health care delivery, and scholarly activity).
- 3.3 **Review Consideration.** Upon determining that one or more academic positions in a degree program or teaching specialty should be eliminated, the committee will recommend to the president, in writing, the particular position or positions to be terminated after reviewing the academic, research, and clinical qualifications and talents

of holders of all academic positions in those degree programs or clinical or academic teaching specialties, the needs of the program and the needs of the school or college they serve, past performance, and the potential for future contributions to the development of the institution. Tenure status of a faculty member shall not be a consideration in the determination of whether a particular position should be eliminated except as permitted in Section 3.4 below.

- 3.4 Tenure Preference. If, in the opinion of the committee, two or more faculty members are equally qualified and capable of performing the same teaching, research, and/or clinical role, the faculty member or members having tenure shall be given preference over nontenured faculty. However, if such faculty members have the same tenure status and equal qualifications, consideration will be given to other documented needs of the institution.
- 3.5 Recommendation. Upon completion of its review, the committee shall promptly recommend in writing to the president those persons who may be terminated, ranked in order of priority, with the reasons for their selection. The president shall, after consultation with institutional administrative officers as the president may deem appropriate, determine which academic positions are to be terminated because of the financial exigency and shall give the holders of these positions written notice of the decision.
- 3.6 Notification of Vacancies. Any person terminated due to financial exigency will be notified when a vacancy occurs in the same institution in their field of teaching within the next two academic years following the termination. If such person makes timely application and is qualified for the position to be filled, they shall be offered employment in that position. If the vacancy is in a field of teaching in which two or more persons have been terminated because of financial exigency, all will be notified of the vacancy and of those so notified and making timely application, employment will be offered to the person who is the better qualified for the position to be filled.
- 3.7 Hearing Committee. The president shall appoint a hearing committee comprised of faculty members to hear

any appeals for reconsideration of termination decisions based upon financial exigency. Within 30 days from the date of the notice of termination, a faculty member shall have the right to appeal to the hearing committee for reconsideration of the termination decision. The appeal for reconsideration shall be in writing and addressed to the president. A faculty member who appeals to the hearing committee (the appellant) shall be given a reasonably adequate written statement of the basis for the initial decision to reduce academic positions and, upon request of the person, shall be given all written data or information relied upon in arriving at such decision.

- 3.8 Appeal Procedures. The hearing committee shall set the date, time, and place for hearing the appeal for reconsideration. Such hearing shall be held within 30 days of the date of the written request unless the appellant waives such time requirement; however, such hearing shall be held within 90 days from the date of the request. The hearing committee shall conduct the hearing in accordance with the following conditions and procedures.
- (a) The hearing will be closed to the public unless requested to be open by the appellant.
 - (b) The appellant may be represented by legal counsel at his or her own expense.
 - (c) The appellant and the institution may offer any written evidence or oral testimony that is material to the issues.
 - (d) The burden shall be upon the appellant to show by a preponderance of the credible evidence that:
 - (1) Financial exigency was not in fact the reason for the initial decision to reduce academic positions;
or
 - (2) The decision to terminate the appellant as compared to another individual in the same discipline or teaching specialty was arbitrary and unreasonable based upon the evidence presented.

- (e) No other issues shall be heard or considered by the hearing committee.
- (f) The hearing committee shall make written findings of fact and recommendations to the president of the institution as soon as practical following the hearing. The president shall have the final decision to either accept or reject the recommendation of the hearing committee.

Sec. 4 Institutional policies and procedures implementing this Rule shall be approved in accordance with applicable Regents' Rules (including [Rule 20201, Sec. 4.9](#)) and placed in each institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

3. Definitions

Financial exigency: a demonstrably bona fide financial crisis that adversely affects an institution as a whole and that, after considering other cost-reducing measures, including ways to cut faculty costs, requires consideration of terminating appointments held by tenured faculty.¹

Governance body: the elected body representative of the faculty and charged with developing academic policy in the areas designated in Regents' [Rule 40101](#).

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31001](#) – Faculty Appointments and Titles

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40101](#) – Faculty Role in Educational Policy Formulation

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty

¹ Includes faculty holding seven-year term appointments during the term of their appointments, (see Regents' [Rule 31007, Sec. 2](#)).

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Rights and Responsibilities of Faculty Members

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Freedom in Research. Faculty members are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results.
- Sec. 2 Freedom in the Classroom. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his or her subject, but are expected not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter that has no relation to his or her subject.
- Sec. 3 Clarification of Role. Faculty members are citizens, members of learned professions, and officers of an educational institution supported by the State of Texas. When the faculty member speaks or writes as a citizen, he or she should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but should make it plain that the faculty member is not an institutional spokesperson.
- Sec. 4 Primary Duties. The primary duties of a member of the faculty are to:
- 4.1 Teaching. Teach in the classroom, laboratory, seminar, or clinical setting.
 - 4.2 Research. Study, investigate, discover, create, and develop professionally.
 - 4.3 Administration. Perform curricular tasks auxiliary to teaching and research, e.g., serving on faculty committees, attending to administrative and disciplinary tasks, fostering intellectual curiosity and integrity in the student body.
 - 4.4 Contribution to Society. Use their professional expertise to benefit society.
- Sec. 5 Compensation Restriction. Full-time faculty or staff of the rank of instructor or above on 12-month appointments may receive additional compensation for correspondence course and/or extension center teaching, but may not receive additional compensation for summer school teaching. Full-time faculty on nine-month appointments may receive additional compensation

for correspondence course and/or extension center teaching during the nine-month period and also may be paid for summer school teaching.

Sec. 6 Textbook and Course Materials. The policy of the Board of Regents concerning textbooks and other materials prescribed for the use of students is as follows:

6.1 Choice of Materials. Individual faculty members or the department should have discretion in the choice of materials to be used in the courses offered by the department.

Sec. 7 Materials Authored by Faculty. Although the authorship of books, outlines, manuals, and similar materials by members of the faculty and staff should be encouraged, the prescribed use of these for students is a responsibility that goes beyond that of the individual author. Whenever an approved fee includes a charge for such materials distributed through the classroom, the prices should be as low as possible, consistent with the payment of any required royalty to the author or authors.

7.1 Required Approval. Textbooks, notebooks, manuals, or other materials for the use of students of an institution, written or prepared by a member of the faculty of that institution, shall not be prescribed for the use of students in that institution or sold to such students until approved by the dean, chief academic officer, and president of an institution, pursuant to policies included in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. At a minimum, these policies should provide for consultation with departmental faculty.

Sec. 8 Nonsectarian. In accordance with *Texas Education Code* [Section 65.38](#), no course of instruction of a sectarian character shall be taught in the System.

Sec. 9 Fees. Faculty members without previous and special approval of the Board of Regents, shall not collect from students any fees or charges to be expended for institutional purposes, and shall not sell to students books, notes, or similar student supplies.

9.1 Prohibited Fees. A member of the faculty may not accept pay for extra instruction or teaching of students registered in the institution where he or she is employed.

- 9.2 Allowed Fees. With written approval, teaching assistants and other like instructional employees below the rank of an instructor may accept pay from students for extra-class instruction or coaching but only in courses or sections of courses with which they have no instructional connection. The *Handbook of Operating Procedures* of the institution shall specify the procedure for approval at the institutional level.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.38](#)– Nonsectarian Courses

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Faculty or Staff Absence

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Statutory Requirement. In accordance with *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.108](#), the Board of Regents is required to issue regulations concerning the authorized and unauthorized absence from duty of faculty members, including teaching assistants and research assistants.

Sec. 2 Required Authorization. Authorization for any member of a faculty or staff to be absent from his or her usual and regular duties will be granted only, with permission from the Chancellor or president of the institution or their designee, under the following conditions:

2.1 When such absence is on State business, and

2.2 When appropriate provisions are made to carry on the duties of the absent person without additional expense to the institution; or

2.3 In the case of military leave, not to exceed 15 working days each year.

Sec. 3 Institutional Regulations. Permission to be absent from usual and regular duties shall be obtained as prescribed in institutional regulations.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.108](#)– Regulations Concerning Absence

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Faculty Workload and Reporting Requirements

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Purpose. Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.402](#), this Rule establishes the general workload policy for faculty employed at an academic institution of higher education in The University of Texas System. The Rule also establishes the reporting requirements associated with faculty workload.
- Sec. 2 Importance of Faculty. Faculty play a fundamental role in advancing an institution of higher education and in fostering student success. The quality and value of a university education are in large part defined by the faculty. The curricula the faculty design, the programs they offer, the learning environment they create, the instructional methods they employ, the research they conduct, the creative works they produce, the service they provide, and their professional engagement with students inside and outside of the classroom, including advising, are important components of the educational experience. As such, institutions of higher education supported by public funds have the responsibility to fully utilize their faculty resources in ways that achieve the greatest possible educational benefit.
- Sec. 3 General Provisions for Faculty Workload
- 3.1 Through established shared governance processes, each academic institution shall establish a faculty workload policy that adheres to the following general provisions.
- 3.2 The institution's workload policy shall set forth equitable and fair guidelines that permit each department chair (or head of a comparable academic unit), under the supervision of the dean, to best deploy departmental faculty to foster student success and advance the department's mission.
- 3.3 A chair may assign differential teaching loads for circumstances such as graduate instruction, research activities, time bought out by external grants, administrative assignments, large class sizes, team-taught courses, significant advising responsibilities, or other activities

aligned with the institution's mission and/or critical to student success.

- 3.4 A chair may assign differential teaching loads based on the expectations of tenured and tenure-track faculty who have active and productive research/scholarly/creative programs, tenured faculty who are less active in research/scholarly/creative work, and nontenure-track faculty.
- 3.5 An institution's faculty workload policy shall recognize that classroom teaching, basic and applied research, service, and professional development are important elements of faculty workloads by giving appropriate weight to each activity when determining the standards for faculty workload.
- 3.6 Each institution may give the same or different weight to each activity and to other activities recognized by the institution as important elements of faculty workloads.
- 3.7 The president of each academic institution shall submit the initial faculty workload policy for review and approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Sec. 4 Reporting Requirements

- 4.1 The president shall designate an officer to monitor workloads, prepare and review appropriate workload reports, and submit the reports to the institutional head for certification or approval and comments as may be appropriate.
- 4.2 Each institution shall submit the Faculty Reports (CBM-008) required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- 4.3 Within 30 days of the end of each academic year, each institution shall file with the Board of Regents a report, by department, of the academic duties and services performed by each member of the faculty during the nine-month academic year, showing evidence of compliance with requirements established by the Board.

- 4.4 The report of academic duties and services performed by each member of the faculty, based on data submitted in the CBM-008, shall indicate all appointments held by the faculty member in the employing institution, the salary paid to each appointment, the percent of time of each appointment, and the source of funds from which salary payments were made.
- 4.5 For a faculty member paid partially from a source of funds other than state appropriations, the teaching load shall be proportioned to the percentage of salary paid from state appropriations.
- 4.6 Upon the request of an institution, if additional time is needed to prepare the report to the Board of Regents, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is authorized to extend the deadline for submission.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.402](#) – Report of Institutional and Academic Duties

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Tenure

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Granting of Tenure. Tenure denotes a status of continuing appointment as a member of the faculty at an institution of The University of Texas System. The granting of tenure means the entitlement of a faculty member of an institution of higher education to continue in the faculty member's academic position unless dismissed by the institution for good cause in accordance with [Rule 31008](#). The granting of tenure may not be construed to create a property interest in any attribute of a faculty position beyond a faculty member's continuing employment, including the faculty member's regular annual salary and any privileges incident to the faculty member's status as a tenured professor.

Sec. 2 Seven-Year Term Appointment. The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler are authorized to award a seven-year term appointment that will denote a status of continuing appointment at that institution as a member of the faculty for a period of seven years. Only members of the faculty with academic titles of Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor may be granted a seven-year term appointment. A seven-year term appointment may be granted at the time of appointment to any of such academic rank or may be withheld pending satisfactory completion of a probationary period of faculty service. No institution may adopt or implement a seven-year term appointment policy except The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.

Sec. 3 Full-time Service Requirement. Only full-time service in the academic ranks of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Instructor, or any combination thereof, shall be counted toward fulfillment of a required probationary period related to the award of tenure or a seven-year term appointment. Periods during which a faculty member is on leave of absence shall not be counted toward fulfillment of a required probationary period.

Sec. 4 Prior Service. Prior service at other academic institutions, whether inside or outside the U. T. System, shall not be counted toward fulfillment of the required probationary period unless specifically permitted under the provisions of an institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

Sec. 5 Probationary Service. The maximum period of probationary faculty service in non-tenured status with any academic title or combination of academic titles specified in Section 3 of this Rule shall not be more than seven years of full-time academic service at the general academic institutions of the U. T. System and not more than nine years of full-time academic service at the health-related institutions and at the academic medical centers of the general academic institutions of the U. T. System. In the event that an institution fails to specify the maximum length of probationary service in its *Handbook of Operating Procedures*, such period shall be seven years at the general academic institutions of the U. T. System and nine years at the health-related institutions and at the academic medical centers of the general academic institutions of the U. T. System. No later than 30 days prior to the beginning of the final academic year of the maximum probationary period in effect at any institution, all non-tenured faculty appointed to a title that accrues time toward satisfaction of a probationary period shall be given notice that the subsequent academic year will be the terminal year of employment or that, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents, beginning with the subsequent academic year tenure or a seven-year term appointment will be granted according to local institutional policy. A Memorandum of Appointment shall be provided to such faculty member in accordance with [Rule 31001](#), Section 1 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* concerning faculty appointments and titles. In the event that the employment of a nontenured faculty member in any academic rank specified in Section 3 of this Rule is to be terminated prior to the end of the maximum probationary period, notice shall be given in accordance with [Rule 31002](#), Section 1 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* concerning the notice of nonrenewal to nontenured faculty members.

5.1 Calculation of Service. For purposes of calculating the period of probationary service, an "academic year" shall be the period from September 1 through the following August 31.

- (a) If a faculty member is initially appointed during an academic year, the period of service from the date of appointment until the following September 1 shall not be counted as academic service toward fulfillment of the maximum probationary period. One year of probationary service is accrued by at least nine months full-time academic service during any academic year. A faculty member shall be considered to be on full-time academic service when in full compliance with Regental standards pertaining to minimum faculty workloads or when in compliance with the academic service standard of any health-related institution or academic medical center of a general academic institution. All institutional requirements shall be contained in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.
- (b) Each institution with tenured faculty will establish and appropriately communicate a policy for the extension of the maximum probationary period and include the policy in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* following the standard review and approval process. In the case of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center or The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, the institution may establish a policy that allows the extension of a term-tenure appointment consistent with these guidelines and the term-tenure policy. Institutional policies are to be consistent with the following guidelines:
 - (1) A faculty member who determines that certain personal circumstances may impede his or her progress toward achieving demonstration of eligibility for recommendation of award of tenure may make a written request for extension specifying the reason(s) for the requested extension. Personal circumstances that may justify the extension include, but are not restricted to, disability or illness of the faculty member; status of the faculty member as a principal caregiver of a preschool child; or status of the faculty member as a principal caregiver of a disabled, elderly, or ill member of the family of the faculty member. It is the responsibility of the faculty member to provide

appropriate documentation to adequately demonstrate why the request should be granted.

- (2) The request for extension shall be limited to one academic year. A request for an additional academic year's extension will follow the established request process, with the maximum duration of extension, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive, to be two academic years.
- (3) Normally, requests for extension must be made in advance of the academic year or semester for which the extension is desired and may be made no later than three months prior to the deadline for initiation of the mandatory review process to determine recommended award of tenure or notice as provided under [Rule 31002](#), Section 1 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, concerning notice of non-renewal, that the next year will be the faculty member's terminal year of appointment.
- (4) The decision regarding the request shall be made by the chief academic officer of the institution, upon recommendation of the department chair and the dean, within a reasonable period of time and in a manner specified by institutional policy.

Sec. 6 Board Approval. The award of tenure may be granted only by the Board of Regents, on the recommendation of the institutional president and the Chancellor.

Sec. 7 Prohibition. A person appointed to a tenured faculty position at an institution of the U. T. System may not, during the term of such appointment, hold a tenured position on the faculty of another educational institution without the express written permission of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor.

7.1 Resignation of Outside Tenure. Unless an exception is approved as authorized above, tenured faculty appointments within the U. T. System shall be conditioned upon the appointee having resigned any tenured position at any other educational institution. Such resignation must be completed and effective prior to the effective date of the appointment at the U. T. System

institution; otherwise, such appointment shall be void and of no effect.

- 7.2 Acceptance Considered Resignation. After a person holds a tenure faculty appointment at a U. T. System institution, the acceptance of a tenured faculty appointment at any other educational institution shall be considered a resignation of the U. T. System faculty appointment unless the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor has granted express written permission for the holding of such a dual appointment.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.32](#) – Removal of Officers, Etc.

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 198](#), *Termination of a Faculty Member*

6. Who Should Know

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7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

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1. Title

Termination of a Faculty Member

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Termination for Good Cause. Termination by an institution of the employment of a faculty member who has been granted tenure and of all other faculty members before the expiration of the stated period of appointment, except as is otherwise provided in [Rule 31007](#), Section 5, and *Texas Education Code Section 51.943*, or by resignation or retirement, will be only for good cause shown, as further detailed below.

Such termination may be made at any time after providing the faculty member with appropriate due process in conformance with the institution's policies, on a determination that:

- (a) the faculty member has engaged in one of the following forms of conduct and the faculty conduct is serious or egregious in nature such that the president determines it is in the best interest of the institution to separate the implicated faculty:
 - (1) exhibited professional incompetence;
 - (2) continually or repeatedly failed to perform duties or meet professional responsibilities of the faculty member's position;
 - (3) failed to successfully complete any post-tenure review professional development program;
 - (4) engaged in conduct involving moral turpitude that adversely affects the institution or the faculty member's performance of duties or meeting of responsibilities;
 - (5) violated laws or university system or institution policies substantially related to the performance of the faculty member's duties;
 - (6) been convicted of a crime affecting the fitness of the faculty member to engage in teaching, research, service, outreach, or administration;

- (7) engaged in unprofessional conduct that adversely affects the institution or the faculty member's performance of duties or meeting of responsibilities; or
- (8) falsified the faculty member's academic credentials;
- (b) there is actual financial exigency or the phasing out of the institution's programs requiring elimination of the faculty member's position as determined following Regents' [Rule 31003](#) and any relevant institutional policy; or
- (c) there is other good cause as defined in the institution's policies, which are subject to approval by the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or Health Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

Sec. 2 Review of Allegation. The president of the institution (the president) shall assure that all allegations against a faculty member that involve the potential for termination are reviewed under the direction of the chief academic officer unless another officer is designated by the president. The faculty member who is the subject of the allegations shall be given an opportunity to be interviewed and shall have the right to present a grievance, in person or through a representative, to the chief academic officer on an issue or subject related to the allegations under review. The chief academic officer or another individual designated by the president if the allegations pertain to the chief academic officer shall take the grievance, if any, into consideration prior to making a determination whether the allegations are supported by evidence that justifies the initiation of termination procedures. Upon making that determination, the chief academic officer or other appropriate designee will recommend to the president whether to proceed with charges for termination. Failure to present a grievance to the chief academic officer or other appropriate designee prior to his or her recommendation shall not preclude a faculty member from presenting an issue or subject to the special hearing tribunal in defense of charges for termination that may result from the review.

Sec. 3 Response to Allegation. If the president determines that the allegations are supported by evidence that justifies the initiation of termination procedures, the president will meet with the faculty member, explain the allegations and supporting evidence, and give the faculty member a reasonable amount of

time, as determined by the president, to respond either orally or in writing.

- Sec. 4 Authorization for Summary Dismissal. The institutional policies and procedures adopted pursuant to this Rule will include a process for the summary dismissal of a tenured faculty member upon a finding that the faculty member committed serious misconduct, as defined by institutional policies, at any time after providing the faculty member with appropriate due process required by state law, including providing the faculty member with written notice of the allegations against the faculty member together with an explanation of the evidence supporting dismissal and an opportunity for the faculty member to respond to the allegations in a hearing with a designated administrator.

The designated administrator must consider the faculty member's response, must make a written determination of whether the institution will proceed with the summary dismissal, and must promptly provide the faculty member a copy of the written determination. If the decision is in favor of summary dismissal, the written determination must state that clearly and include the effective date of the dismissal and information regarding the faculty member's opportunity for a post-dismissal appeal. If the decision is against summary dismissal, the written determination must state that clearly.

Following a designated administrator's written determination to summarily dismiss a faculty member, the former faculty member must be provided with the opportunity for a post-dismissal appeal in accordance with the institution's policies and procedures.

Institutional policies adopted pursuant to this Rule must be approved by the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or Health Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

- Sec. 5 Hearing Tribunal. In cases where other offenses are charged, and in all cases where the facts are in dispute, the accused faculty member will be informed in writing of the charges. If the president determines that the nature of the charges and the evidence are such that it is in the best interest of the institution, the accused faculty member may be suspended with pay pending the completion of the hearing and a final decision. A special hearing tribunal of at least three faculty members will

hear the charges. The academic rank of each member of the tribunal must be at least equal to that of the accused faculty member. The accused faculty member will be notified of the names of the faculty members selected for the tribunal and of the date, time, and place for the hearing. Such notification shall be made at least eight workdays prior to the hearing. The hearing tribunal members are appointed by the president from a standing panel (pool) of members of the faculty. At least 50% of the panel members from which the hearing tribunal members are appointed shall be selected by a procedure established by the faculty governance organization, or an existing faculty committee with oversight for university-wide faculty committee selection. The president shall appoint the remaining members of the panel. A minimum of one member of a hearing tribunal appointed by a president is to be from among panel members selected by the faculty input, existent faculty committee, or faculty governance procedure. The president may request counsel from the System Administration's Office of General Counsel to advise the hearing tribunal.

- 5.1 Right to Cross-examine. In every such hearing the accused faculty member will have the right to appear in person and by counsel of the accused's selection and to confront and cross-examine witnesses who may appear. If counsel represents the accused faculty member, the institution is entitled to be represented by counsel from System Administration's Office of General Counsel.
- 5.2 Right to Testify. The accused faculty member shall have the right to testify, but may not be required to do so. He or she may introduce in his or her behalf all evidence, written or oral, which may be relevant and material to the charges.
- 5.3 Record of Proceeding. A stenographic or electronic record of the proceedings will be taken and filed with the Board of Regents, and such record shall be made accessible to the accused.
- 5.4 Burden to Prove Good Cause. A representative of the institution may appear before the hearing tribunal to present witnesses and evidence in support of the charge against such faculty member, and such institutional representatives shall have the right to cross-examine the accused faculty member (if the faculty member testifies)

and the witnesses offered in behalf of the faculty member. The institution has the burden to prove good cause for termination by the greater weight of the credible evidence.

- 5.5 **Make-up of Hearing Tribunal.** The hearing tribunal shall not include any accuser of the faculty member. If the accused faculty member is not satisfied with the fairness or objectivity of any member or members of the hearing tribunal, the faculty member may challenge the alleged lack of fairness or objectivity, but any such challenge must be made in writing to the hearing tribunal at least three workdays prior to the date for the hearing. The accused faculty member shall have no right to disqualify any member or members from serving on the tribunal. It shall be up to each challenged member to determine whether he or she can serve with fairness and objectivity in the matter, and if any challenged member should voluntarily disqualify himself or herself, the president shall appoint a substitute member of the tribunal from the panel described in Section 5 of this Rule.
- 5.6 **Findings and Recommendations.** The hearing tribunal, by a majority of the total membership, will make written findings on the material facts and will make a recommendation of the continuance or termination of the accused faculty member. The hearing tribunal, by a majority of its total membership, may make any supplementary suggestions it deems proper concerning the disposal of the case. The original of such findings and the recommendation, with any supplementary suggestions, shall be delivered to the president and a copy to the accused. If minority findings, recommendations, or suggestions are made, they shall be similarly treated. The original transcript of the testimony and the exhibits shall also be forwarded to the president.
- 5.7 **President's Report.** Within fourteen (14) workdays after receipt of the findings and recommendations of the hearing tribunal, the president shall make one of the following decisions based solely on the evidence of record in the proceedings and report that decision in writing to the accused faculty member:

- (a) The president may decide to dismiss the matter or impose sanctions short of termination. In this case, the president's decision is final and the Board of Regents will not review the matter.
- (b) If the allegations are supported by evidence that constitutes good cause for termination, the president may decide to recommend termination to the Board of Regents. If so, the president shall forward the findings and recommendations of the hearing tribunal, the original transcript of the testimony and the exhibits to the Board of Regents for its review, along with the president's report. If the president's recommendation is not the same as the majority recommendation of the hearing tribunal, the president shall state the reasons for the president's decision to recommend termination in his or her report. The accused faculty member may, within seven workdays after receiving the president's report, submit a written response to the Board of Regents. The response must be based solely on the evidence of record in the proceeding.

Sec. 6 Board Review. The Board of Regents, by a majority of the total membership, will approve, reject, or amend such findings, recommendations, and suggestions, if any, or will recommit the report to the same tribunal for hearing additional evidence and reconsidering its findings, recommendations, and suggestions, if any. Reasons for approval, rejection, or amendment of such findings, recommendations, or suggestions will be stated in writing and communicated to the accused.

Sec. 7 Reasons for Termination Not Required. Full-time faculty members who are notified in accordance with [Rule 31002](#), Section 1 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, concerning notice of nonrenewal, that they will not be reappointed or who are notified in accordance with [Rule 31007](#), Section 5 and [Rule 31002](#), Sections 1 and 2 that the subsequent academic year will be the terminal year of appointment shall not be entitled to a statement of the reasons upon which the decision for such action is based. Such a decision shall only be subject to review pursuant to the following procedures:

- 7.1 Grievance. The affected faculty member may present a grievance, in person or through a representative, to the

chief academic officer or another individual designated by the president if the allegations pertain to a chief academic officer on an issue or subject related to the nonrenewal decision. The chief academic officer shall meet with the faculty member. Unless a review by a hearing tribunal is requested and granted, pursuant to Section 7.2 below, the nonrenewal decision shall not be subject to further review.

- 7.2 Hearing Tribunal to Hear Grievance. A review by a hearing tribunal shall be granted only in those cases where the affected faculty member submits a written request for review by a hearing tribunal to the president and describes in detail the facts relied upon to prove that the decision was made for reasons that are unlawful under the Constitution or laws of Texas or the United States. If the president determines that the alleged facts, if proven by credible evidence, support a conclusion that the decision was made for unlawful reasons, such allegations shall be heard by a hearing tribunal under the procedures in Section 4 of this Rule as in the case of dismissal for cause, with the following exceptions:
- (a) The burden of proof is upon the affected faculty member to establish by the greater weight of the credible evidence that the decision in question was made for reasons that are unlawful under the Constitution or laws of Texas or the United States.
 - (b) The administration of the institution need not state the reasons for the questioned decision or offer evidence in support thereof unless the affected faculty member presents credible evidence that, if unchallenged, proves the decision was made for unlawful reasons.
 - (c) The hearing tribunal shall make written findings and recommendations based on the evidence presented at the hearing and shall forward such findings and recommendations with the transcript and exhibits from the hearing to the president.
 - (d) The president may approve, reject, or amend the recommendations of the hearing tribunal or may reach different conclusions based upon the record of

the hearing. The decision of the president shall be final.

Sec. 8 Special Circumstances. The Board authorizes the Chancellor, in consultation with the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, to appoint officers, staff, and/or others, other than those specifically designated in this Rule, to fulfill the roles specified in Sections 2, 3, and 5 above when the Chancellor deems such appointments necessary.

3. Definitions

Faculty Member – a faculty member is any individual holding an academic title listed in Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31001](#), Section 2, with the exception of Assistant Instructors, Teaching Associates, and Teaching Assistants.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.942](#) – Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty

Texas Education Code [Section 51.943](#) – Renewal of Faculty Employment Contracts

Texas Education Code [Section 65.32](#) – Removal of Officers, Etc.

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31001](#) – Faculty Appointments and Titles

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 198](#), *Termination of a Faculty Member*

6. Who Should Know

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1. Title

Evaluation of Administrators

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 President's Evaluation. Evaluation of the president of each institution is primarily the responsibility of the Chancellor and appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and shall occur annually.
- Sec. 2 President's Responsibility. Subject to the requirements of [Rule 31102](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* concerning the evaluation of tenured faculty and Section 3 of this Rule, the evaluation of the vice presidents and deans is primarily the responsibility of the president or delegate.
- Sec. 3 Administrative Evaluations. Each Academic Administrator below the level of president of an institution should be reviewed at least every six years. A committee appointed by the president or provost of the institution shall conduct the review. A written report will contain the substance of the review.
- 3.1 Development of Policies. The institutional academic senate or other representative faculty body should be consulted in the development of the review policies and procedures.
- 3.2 Input from Others. The review shall be comprehensive and include input from faculty, staff, and students, and where appropriate alumni, community leaders, and other sources identified in the charge to the committee from the president or provost.
- 3.3 Written Report. A summary of the report will be provided to the administrator under review and to the administrator's supervisor. The written report will be made available to the Executive Vice Chancellor for the campus.

3. Definitions

Academic Administrator – unless otherwise defined by approved institutional policy, administrator is intended to refer to chief academic officer (vice president for academic affairs or provost); deans, department chairs, and directors of academic units.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30501](#) – Employee Evaluations

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1. Title

Evaluation of Tenured Faculty

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Statutory Requirements. In accordance with the *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.942](#), the Board of Regents is required to adopt rules and procedures providing for a periodic performance evaluation process for all tenured faculty. The Board is required to seek advice and comment from the faculty before adopting any rules pursuant to that section. The advice and comment from the faculty on the performance evaluation of tenured faculty shall be given the utmost consideration by the Board.
- Sec. 2 Importance of Tenure. The Board of Regents recognizes the time-honored practice of tenure for university faculty as an important protection of free inquiry, open intellectual and scientific debate, and unfettered criticism of the accepted body of knowledge. Academic institutions have a special need for practices that protect freedom of expression, since the core of the academic enterprise involves a continual reexamination of ideas. Academic disciplines thrive and grow through critical analysis of conventions and theories. Throughout history, the process of exploring and expanding the frontiers of learning has necessarily challenged the established order. That is why tenure is so valuable, not merely for the protection of individual faculty members but also as an assurance to society that the pursuit of truth and knowledge commands our first priority. Without freedom to question, there can be no freedom to learn.
- Sec. 3 Purpose of Evaluation. The Board of Regents supports a system of periodic evaluation of all tenured faculty. Periodic evaluation is intended to enhance and protect, not diminish, the important guarantees of tenure and academic freedom. The purpose of periodic evaluation is to provide guidance for continuing and meaningful faculty development; to assist faculty to enhance professional skills and goals; to refocus academic and professional efforts, when appropriate; and to assure that faculty members are meeting their responsibilities to the University and the State of Texas. The Board is pledged to regular monitoring of this system to make sure that it is serving its intended purposes and does not in any way threaten tenure as a concept and practice. In implementing the plan, institutions

shall maintain an appropriate balance of emphasis on teaching, research, service, and other duties of faculty.

Sec. 4 Institutional Policies. Each institution of The University of Texas System shall have an institutional policy and plan consistent with the following guidelines for the periodic (annual and comprehensive) performance evaluation of tenured faculty. Institutional policies in accordance with the [model policy](#) shall be developed with appropriate faculty input, including consultation with and guidance from faculty governance organizations, and shall be included in each institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* after review and appropriate administrative approval and submission to the Board of Regents for review and final approval. Nothing in these guidelines or the application of institutional evaluation policies shall be interpreted or applied to infringe on the tenure system, academic freedom, due process, or other protected rights nor to establish new term-tenure systems or to require faculty to reestablish their credentials for tenure.

Sec. 5 Minimum Elements. Institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* policies should include the following minimum elements for periodic evaluation:

5.1 Annual Reviews. Annual reviews are not the comprehensive periodic evaluations required under *Texas Education Code Section 51.942*. Annual reviews should focus on individual merit relative to assigned responsibilities in accordance with Regents' [Rule 30501](#).

- (a) Review Categories. Each faculty member being reviewed shall be placed in one of the following categories: a. exceeds expectations; b. meets expectations; c. does not meet expectations; or d. unsatisfactory. Expectations shall be set by institutional policy according to the faculty member's rank, discipline, and institution.
- (b) Scheduled Reviews. Evaluation of tenured faculty shall be performed annually. The evaluation may not be waived for any tenured faculty member but may be deferred in rare circumstances when the review period will coincide with approved leave, comprehensive review for promotion, or appointment to an endowed position. No deferral of review of an

active faculty member may extend beyond one year from the scheduled review.

- (c) **Responsibilities Reviewed.** The evaluation shall include review of the faculty member's professional responsibilities in teaching, research, service, patient care, and administration. Institutional policies shall detail the criteria and factors to be evaluated.
- (d) **Material Submitted.** The faculty member being evaluated shall submit a curriculum vitae, including a summary statement of professional accomplishments, and shall submit or arrange for the submission of teaching evaluations. The faculty member may provide copies of a statement of professional goals, a proposed professional development plan, and any other additional materials the faculty member deems appropriate.
- (e) **Review of Evaluation.** In accordance with institutional policy, initial evaluation of the faculty member's performance may be carried out by the department, department chair (or equivalent), dean, or peer review committee, but in any event must be reported to the chair (or equivalent) and dean for review. Evaluation shall include review of the current curriculum vitae, student and any peer evaluations of teaching for the review period, and all materials submitted by the faculty member.
- (f) **Communication of Results.** Results of the evaluation will be communicated in writing to the faculty member, the department chair/dean, the chief academic officer, and the president for review and appropriate action.
- (g) **Uses.** Possible uses of the information contained in the report include the following:
 - (1) The evaluation may be used to determine salary recommendations, nomination for awards, or other forms of performance recognition.
 - (2) For individuals whose performance indicates they would benefit from additional institutional support or a remediation plan, the evaluation shall be used

to provide such support or a remediation plan (e.g., teaching effectiveness assistance, counseling, or mentoring in research issues/service expectations). Schools/colleges and/or departments, in consultation with a peer committee, shall monitor individuals receiving such support for evidence of improvement and, if there is insufficient improvement, shall take action under (4) or Section 5.3, below, if appropriate.

(3) Individuals whose performance is unsatisfactory may be subject to further review and/or to appropriate administrative action. Institutional policies shall provide procedures for appeals.

(4) Individuals whose performance is unsatisfactory for two consecutive annual reviews may be subject to a comprehensive review (Section 5.2, below) or action under (3) above or Section 5.3 below, if appropriate.

(5) If incompetence, neglect of duty, or other good cause is determined to be present, appropriate disciplinary action may be taken under Section 5.3 below.

5.2 Comprehensive Periodic Evaluations. Comprehensive periodic evaluations are required in compliance with *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.942](#).

(a) Review Categories. Each faculty member being reviewed shall be placed in one of the following categories: a. exceeds expectations; b. meets expectations; c. does not meet expectations; or d. unsatisfactory. Expectations shall be set by institutional policy according to the faculty member's rank, discipline, and institution.

(b) Scheduled Reviews. Comprehensive periodic evaluation of tenured faculty shall be performed no less often than every six years. The evaluation may not be waived for any tenured faculty member but may be deferred in rare circumstances when the review period will coincide with approved leave, comprehensive review for promotion, or appointment to an endowed

position. No deferral of review of an active faculty member may extend beyond one year from the scheduled review. Institutional policy may specify that periods when a faculty member is on leave need not be counted in calculating when the comprehensive evaluation is required.

- (c) Responsibilities Reviewed. The evaluation shall include review of the faculty member's professional responsibilities in teaching, research, service, patient care, and administration. Institutional policies shall detail the criteria and factors to be evaluated.
- (d) Notice of Evaluation. Reasonable individual notice of at least six months of intent to review shall be provided to a faculty member.
- (e) Material Submitted. The faculty member being evaluated shall submit a curriculum vitae, including a summary statement of professional accomplishments, and shall submit or arrange for the submission of annual reports and teaching evaluations. The faculty member may provide copies of a statement of professional goals, a proposed professional development plan, and any other additional materials the faculty member deems appropriate.
- (f) Review of Evaluation. In accordance with institutional policy, initial evaluation of the faculty member's performance may be carried out by the department, department chair (or equivalent), dean, or peer review committee, but in any event must be reported to the chair (or equivalent) and dean for review. Evaluation shall include review of the current curriculum vitae, student and any peer evaluations of teaching for the review period, annual reports for the review period, and all materials submitted by the faculty member.
- (g) Peer Review. Comprehensive periodic evaluation of tenured faculty shall include peer review. The members of peer review committees shall include representatives of the college/school or department and will be appointed, on the basis of their objectivity and academic strength, by the dean or chair in consultation with the tenured faculty in the college/school or

department or pursuant to other process as defined in institutional policies. The faculty member shall be provided with an opportunity to meet with the committee or committees.

- (h) Communication of Results. Results of the evaluation will be communicated in writing to the faculty member, the department chair/dean, the chief academic officer, and the president for review and appropriate action.
- (i) Uses. Possible uses of the information contained in the report include the following:
 - (1) The evaluation may be used to determine salary recommendations, nomination for awards, or other forms of performance recognition.
 - (2) For individuals whose performance indicates they would benefit from additional institutional support or a remediation plan, the evaluation shall be used to provide such support or a remediation plan (e.g., teaching effectiveness assistance, counseling, or mentoring in research issues/service expectations). Schools/colleges and/or departments, in consultation with a peer committee, shall monitor individuals receiving such support for evidence of improvement and, if there is insufficient improvement, shall take action under (3) or Section 5.3, below, if appropriate, for termination or other appropriate disciplinary action.
 - (3) For individuals who receive an unsatisfactory rating in any area of any evaluation conducted under the comprehensive periodic evaluation policy, the process must provide for a short-term development plan that includes performance benchmarks for returning to satisfactory performance. Such individuals may be subject to further review and/or to appropriate administrative action. Institutional policies shall provide procedures for appeals.
 - (4) If incompetence, neglect of duty, or other good cause is determined to be present, appropriate disciplinary action may be taken under Section 5.3 below.

5.3 Termination or Other Appropriate Disciplinary Action. For tenured faculty members for whom incompetence, neglect of duty, or other good cause is found, review to determine if good cause exists for termination under the current Regents' *Rules and Regulations* shall be considered, in accordance with the due process procedures of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31008](#). If disciplinary action other than termination is considered appropriate, such faculty members shall have access to procedures that include notice of the specific charges and a hearing prior to the imposition of disciplinary action.

Sec. 6 Follow-up Review. The acceptance and success of periodic evaluation for tenured faculty will be dependent upon a well-executed, critical process and an institutional commitment to assist and support faculty development. Thus, remediation and follow-up review for faculty, who would benefit from such support, as well as the designation of an academic administrator with primary responsibility for monitoring such needed follow-up activities, are essential.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.942](#)– Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30501](#) – Employee Evaluations

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 31008](#) – Termination of a Faculty Member

[Model Policy](#) developed by U. T. System Faculty Advisory Council

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 198](#), *Termination of a Faculty Member*

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1. Title

Faculty Role in Educational Policy Formulation

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Board Commitment. The Board of Regents will devote its best efforts to making all of the institutions of The University of Texas System of the "first class," as the Texas Constitution directs in [Article VII, Section 10](#). The Board will be guided in general by the best practices of the top universities in the United States and abroad, especially by the best practices of state universities in the United States.

Sec. 2 Advice on Board Policies. The Board of Regents will ordinarily seek the advice of the faculty on important matters of academic policy.

Sec. 3 General Authority. Subject to the authority of the Board of Regents and subject further to the authority that the Board has vested in the various administrative officers and subdivisions of the System, the faculties of the institutions regularly offering instruction shall have a major role in the governance of their respective institutions in the following areas:

- 3.1 General academic policies and welfare.
- 3.2 Student life and activities.
- 3.3 Requirements of admission and graduation.
- 3.4 Honors and scholastic performance.
- 3.5 Approval of candidates for degrees.
- 3.6 Faculty rules of procedure.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Constitution [Article VII, Section 10](#) – Establishment of University

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Registered Organizations

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Procedures for Registration. Each institution shall adopt procedures for the registration of faculty, staff, and student organizations at that institution. The period of registered status of an organization shall not exceed one academic year and such status shall automatically terminate at the end of each academic year; provided, however, an organization previously registered as a faculty, staff, or student organization may apply for and be granted registration for subsequent periods of one academic year if it meets all applicable criteria in effect for the period for which registration is sought.

Sec. 2 Suspension of Registered Status. A registered faculty, staff, or student organization shall be subject to all applicable rules and regulations of the institution and The University of Texas System. Action taken by or on behalf of a registered faculty, staff, or student organization that results in a violation of such rules and regulations is subject to disciplinary action that may result in the suspension or revocation of the registered status of the organization.

Sec. 3 Membership Restricted. No organization may become registered or remain registered at an institution as a faculty, staff, or student organization unless the membership of the organization is restricted to the faculty, staff or students of that institution.

3.1 At the time of application for registration and at the beginning of each semester that an organization is registered as a faculty, staff, or student organization, each such organization shall file with the appropriate officer at the institution a statement that the organization does not presently have, nor during any period of registration will it have, as a member any person who is not a student, faculty or staff member at the institution.

3.2 If the president of the institution, or his or her designee, determines that the statement filed above is false, registration shall be denied. If the president, or his or her designee, later determines that statements made by an

organization in its application for registration have become false during a registration period, the organization's registration shall be cancelled.

Sec. 4 Required Contact Information. Each application for registration as a faculty, staff, or student organization shall be accompanied by a complete list of the names and addresses of all officers of the organization as well as all person(s) authorized to speak for, represent, or receive official notices, directives, or instructions from the institution on behalf of the organization. This information shall be updated by the organization as necessary during any period of registration. If at any time during a period of registration it is determined that the organization's required contact information is not current, the organization shall be notified of the deficiency. If the organization fails to update its information within 10 days of notification, the organization's registration shall be cancelled unless good cause is shown for an extension of deadline.

Sec. 5 Prohibition. A registered faculty, staff, or student organization may state that its membership is composed of the faculty, staff or students of an institution, but it shall not suggest or imply that it is acting with the authority or as an agency of the institution. A faculty, staff or student organization shall not use the name of an institution or the name of The University of Texas System as a part of the name of the organization, and it shall neither display the seal of either an institution or The University of Texas System in connection with any activity of the organization nor use such seal or seals as part of any letterhead, sign, banner, pamphlet, or other printed material that bears the name of the organization.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

General Admission Policy

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Policy. The institutions of The University of Texas System will make maximum use of resources, consistent with standards of appropriate accrediting bodies and enrollment and admissions policies approved by the Board of Regents, to admit and educate as many qualified students as possible.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.352](#) – Responsibility of Governing Boards

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

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1. Title

Provisional Admission Policy

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Institutions Covered by Policy. The Provisional Admission Program for freshmen shall apply to all of The University of Texas System four-year general academic institutions, with the exception of The University of Texas at Austin. Prospective students interested in admission to U. T. Austin should refer to U. T. Austin's Coordinated Admission Program in Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40305](#) and U. T. Austin's Summer Enrollment Plan in [Rule 40306](#).
- Sec. 2 Prospective Enrollees. Any Texas resident may enter any U. T. System institution regardless of his or her high school record or score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) provided that he or she has graduated from an accredited high school with the required units and subjects as prescribed by the institution.
- Sec. 3 Semesters to Enroll. Generally, provisional admission students may enroll initially in the summer session (both summer terms) or the spring semester following the student's graduation from high school provided the student has not previously enrolled in credit courses in any other institution of higher education following high school graduation. However, The University of Texas at El Paso has, with concurrence of the Board of Regents, admitted provisional students in the fall semester since 1973. Also, a fall semester program, called the Academic Enhancement Program, was approved for The University of Texas at Arlington in 1981.
- Sec. 4 Minimum GPA. The student who demonstrates an ability to perform college level work by achieving a GPA of 2.0 or above during the entire summer session (both summer terms) or during the spring semester may be admitted as a regular university student in subsequent semesters. Students who achieve a GPA of at least a 1.5 in their first semester or summer session (both summer terms) may be allowed to continue for the next semester or summer session. At the conclusion of the second period of enrollment, the student must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above to continue in the institution. An institution may establish higher grade point average

requirements or adopt provisional admission enrollment limits based on institutional enrollment management needs or capacity by including such provisions in the institutional General Admissions Policies for approval by the Board of Regents.

Sec. 5 Academic Advisement. Each institution will provide some means of academic advisement or counseling for provisional students to enhance their chances of success.

Sec. 6 Adequate Record Keeping. Each institution will maintain an adequate system of record keeping on provisional students for the purpose of evaluating their academic performance.

Sec. 7 Deviations from Guidelines. Any deviations from these basic guidelines will require approval by the Board of Regents as a part of general campus admissions policy statements.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.352](#) – Responsibility of Governing Boards

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40305](#) - Coordinated Admission Program

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40306](#) - Summer Enrollment Plan

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

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1. Title

Admissions Procedures for U. T. Institutions

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Policy. It is the policy of The University of Texas System Board of Regents that U. T. institutions implement admissions policies and establish admissions criteria and processes in a manner that is as fair and transparent as possible to ensure that integrity in the admissions process is upheld.

Sec. 2 Establishing Admission Policies. *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.352](#) assigns responsibility to governing boards to "set campus admission standards consistent with the role and mission of the institution and considering the admission standards of similar institutions. . . ." In addition, [Chapter 51 \(Subchapter U\)](#) establishes guidelines for admission of freshman students and requires that institutions of higher education adopt guidelines for admission of students to other programs. The policies governing admission to academic programs shall be designed to maximize opportunity and access for all Texans, within parameters established by applicable laws.

Sec. 3 Undergraduate Admissions.

3.1 Automatic Admission of Top Ten Percent. Each covered institution shall adopt a policy for admission of first-time freshman students that incorporates criteria consistent with *Texas Education Code* [Sections 51.803](#), [51.804](#), and [51.805](#). The admissions policy must provide, in keeping with regulations promulgated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, for automatic admission for students who have graduated from an accredited Texas high school in the top ten percent of the graduating class. For students who do not qualify for automatic admission, the policy shall specify the criteria that will be considered in making the admission decision.

3.2 Automatic Admission of Top 25 Percent Delegated to President. The Board delegates to the president of each general academic institution the responsibility to annually determine whether automatic admission to undergraduate programs shall be granted to those students who graduate in the top 25 percent of their

graduating class, pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.804](#). Any change to an admissions policy under this Subsection shall be reported to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs prior to adoption.

- 3.3 Transfer Admissions. The Board delegates to the president of each covered institution the responsibility to adopt policies for admission of transfer students.
- 3.4 Board Approval. Except as specifically provided in this Section, Board approval is required for initial undergraduate admissions and scholarship award policies and any subsequent amendments. Such approval shall be made following administrative review and approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor for inclusion in the institutional catalog(s).

Sec. 4 Graduate and Professional School Admissions.

- 4.1 Admissions Criteria. Initial admissions criteria and requirements and scholarship award policies and any subsequent amendments must be approved by the Chancellor and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor prior to inclusion in the institutional catalog(s).
- 4.2 Admissions Decisions. The factors to be considered in graduate and professional school admissions decisions must be consistent with *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.842](#). Deans of graduate and professional schools, by presidential delegation, are principally responsible for admissions to the school's degree programs. The roles, duties, and responsibilities of the deans in the graduate and professional schools will mirror those designated for the president. The president will require an annual face-to-face report from the provost on admissions cases that were external to the normal admissions process. In all cases, decisions at any level that would admit a student outside of the normal admissions process must be reported by the president to the Chancellor and follow the procedures outlined in Section 8.

Sec. 5 Fairness and Transparency in the Admissions Process for Prospective Students.

- 5.1 Publicly Available Information. Each U. T. System institution shall identify and make readily available to prospective students all criteria used in its admissions review process. Such criteria shall be publicly available on the institution's website through written policies that outline the admissions process and expectations for all admissions categories including freshmen, transfer students, graduate students, and professional school students. The policy shall include descriptions of the process and factors to be considered in the admissions review process including those used in holistic review processes. The information shall also include deadlines, notification dates, and response dates.
- 5.2 Each institution may tailor its process to the specific needs of a campus and student population; however, the following elements shall be common to all academic institutions:
 - 5.2.1 A prospective student shall apply to an institution using an accepted application method for the relevant degree program.
 - 5.2.2 The applicant shall submit required information such as transcripts, test scores, letters of recommendation, or other information identified as required or as optional.
 - 5.2.3 Applicants who are automatically admitted by law or approved institutional policy shall be promptly notified of admission.
 - 5.2.4 Applicants whose files are incomplete shall be notified of missing information.
 - 5.2.5 An applicant with a complete file who is not automatically admitted by law or approved institutional policy may be reviewed through a holistic process.
 - 5.2.6 Holistic review shall be conducted in accordance with an institution's approved and published process and evaluation criteria, considering the relevant factors identified for a particular degree or program. An applicant admitted after holistic

review shall be notified in accordance with published notification policies.

5.2.7 Because the admissions process is a rolling process, an applicant may be admitted at any time after the applicant's file is complete.

5.2.8 Any applicant who is not qualified for admission or who has no realistic chance of admission shall be notified that he or she has not been admitted.

5.2.9 An admissions file may be flagged to manage the timing of an admissions decision or to assist with administration of the admissions process, but not in any way that would manifest advantage for a particular applicant in the holistic review process.

Sec. 6 Consistency and Fairness in the Holistic Review Process. Admissions decisions shall involve collaborative decision-making among multiple qualified, well-trained parties. Admissions decisions shall be based on the substantive information contained within the applicant file. It is the responsibility of admissions officials, deans, the provost, and the president to protect the admissions staff from undue influence. The president shall provide leadership to ensure compliance with policies and rules.

Sec. 7 Undue Influence and Conflicts of Interest. To uphold the integrity of the admissions process, undue influence and conflicts of interest should be eliminated. It is acknowledged that institutional leaders and other personnel may receive third-party inquiries, calls, emails, letters, or other forms of communication about a prospective student that may range from providing substantive information about an applicant to an attempt to unduly influence or coerce decision makers into admitting an applicant. The presidents, provosts, and deans of U. T. System institutions shall ensure that the admissions offices are shielded from attempted undue influence and shall handle such communications as follows:

7.1 Letters, emails, or other communications that provide substantive, relevant information about an applicant. Communications that provide credible, substantive input about an applicant shall be forwarded to the appropriate admissions office or staff member. The individual

forwarding such communication shall make clear that in providing information, there is no request for special treatment of the applicant or attempt at undue influence or favoritism toward the applicant. Presidents shall provide leadership to ensure that admissions officers understand that they are to independently evaluate recommendation letters based on the substance of the letter and not the status of the author or the fact that the letter was forwarded by the president or other university official. The person who originally received the communication may respond to those who provided the information with an acknowledgement that the information has been received and forwarded to the relevant office for consideration.

- 7.2 Letters, emails, or other communications that provide a general endorsement of an applicant without containing substantive information pertinent to evaluating the relevant qualities, character, or ability of an applicant. If the communication does not contain substantive information pertinent to the qualities, character, or ability of the applicant, the communication shall not be forwarded and shall not become part of the applicant file. The individual receiving the communication may acknowledge receipt without referencing any further specific action regarding the communication or the applicant.
- 7.3 Letters, emails, or other communications from government officials. Government officials are often asked by constituents to write letters for or otherwise communicate on behalf of applicants. Communications from government officials shall be treated the same as communications from others. Communications that provide credible, substantive input about an applicant shall be forwarded to the appropriate admissions office or staff member. Admissions officials shall give no consideration to any relationship they or others at the institution may have with a particular government official. As with letters from others, the individual forwarding such communication shall make clear that in providing information, there is no request for special treatment of the applicant or attempt at undue influence or favoritism toward the applicant.

- 7.4 Third-party inquiries and requests for status updates of applicants. Updates on applicants shall not be provided to third parties. Only the applicant may be provided updates and notified of the final admission decision.
- 7.5 Letters, emails, or other communications that go beyond providing information about the applicant or are designed to influence or coerce admissions decisions. There are occasions in which calls, letters, and inquiries are not confined to substantive information relevant to the applicant's qualifications or general endorsements. These may range from citing long service to the institution by a relative or friend of the applicant to more far-ranging contributions. One way or another, such communications attempt to influence admissions outcomes. In these instances, institutional leaders shall shield admissions staff from undue influence or coercion. Depending upon the nature of the communication, the institutional leader shall act as follows:
 - 7.5.1 Letters, emails, or other communications indicating that special consideration is owed because of past action. An outside party may indicate that because of past actions of those who have some relationship with the applicant the institution owes the applicant special consideration. In such instances, the communication shall not be forwarded to the admission process and shall not become part of the applicant file. The person receiving the communication may acknowledge the communication, according to the circumstances, but will do so neutrally with respect to the prospect of admission.
 - 7.5.2 Letters, emails, and other communications indicating that special consideration is owed and there exists a threat of action or promise of quid pro quo. There are very rare circumstances in which a communication may contain a threat regarding consequences of a negative admissions decision or a promise related to a positive decision. In such cases, institutional leadership shall respond with a firm reminder that only information pertinent to the qualifications of the

candidate shall be considered in the applicant file. The communication shall not be forwarded to the admissions process or become part of the applicant file. If the attempt to influence is egregious, the institution's president shall inform and confer, in a timely manner, with the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

7.5.3 Inappropriate internal influence. Institutional personnel shall not allow their personal relational considerations to influence admissions decisions. If credible suspicion exists of inappropriate relational considerations influencing admissions decisions, such suspicions must be reported to the institutional or U. T. System compliance office or hotline.

Sec. 8 Presidents' Discretion to Act Optimally and Properly in the Best Interest of the Institution within the Holistic Admission Process. Since it is ultimately the responsibility of the president to operate in the best interest of the institution, he or she may, on very rare occasions, have cause to admit a qualified student who might not otherwise be admitted through the normal process. It is the policy of the U. T. System that such admission decisions be very rare, be limited only to students who are qualified to pursue the degree for which admission is sought, be defensible decisions that take into consideration the overall best interests of the institution, be consistent with the requirements of Section 5 on Undue Influence and Conflicts of Interest, and be reported by the president to the Chancellor at the conclusion of the admissions cycle. The expectation is that any such decision shall only be made under situations of highest institutional importance consistent with the "very rare" concept. In no case shall such an admissions decision displace another student who would otherwise be admitted.

For cases in which the president decides to admit a qualified applicant counter to the recommendation of the normal admissions process, the president shall:

- (1) Discuss the merits of the applicant's admission case with appropriate admissions officials prior to making a decision to ensure that the president fully understands the admissions case, and

- (2) Be required to meet with the Chancellor at the conclusion of the admissions cycle to discuss the process employed, the rationale, all personal or institutional relational considerations in each decision, and to explain why the decision was in the best interest of the institution.

It shall be the responsibility of the Chancellor to ensure the decisions of an institution's president are reasonable in terms of process, the number of such admissions decisions is consistent with the policy of very rare, and the rationale for such decisions is consistent with the requirement for highest institutional importance. The Chancellor shall report to the Board of Regents any significant deviation from this policy. The rationale for admitting a student outside the normal process shall be documented by the president.

- Sec. 9 Establishing Scholarship Award Policies. *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.809](#) requires that institutions of higher education adopt guidelines for awarding of competitive scholarships and fellowships. For the award of institutional competitive scholarships and fellowships, each covered institution shall adopt policies that identify the criteria to be considered in making the awards. The policies governing the award of institutional competitive scholarships and fellowships shall be designed to maximize opportunity and access for all Texans, within parameters established by applicable laws.
- Sec. 10 Inclusion of Policy Changes in Catalog. The admissions policies and criteria for award of scholarships and fellowships shall be included in institutional catalogs and shall be available to the public on request.
 - 10.1 Changes in admission policies must be published in the institutional catalog and made available to the public not later than one year before the date that applications for admission are first considered.
 - 10.2 Changes in the factors to be considered for the award of competitive scholarships/fellowships for a graduate or professional program must be published in the institutional catalog and made available to the public not later than one year before the date that applications for competitive scholarships/fellowships are first considered. Changes in factors to be considered for the award of all

other competitive scholarships/fellowships must be published in the institutional catalog and made available to the public prior to the deadline for submission of applications.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.352](#) – Responsibility of Governing Boards

Texas Education Code [Section 51.803](#) – Automatic Admissions: All Institutions (with special provisions for The University of Texas at Austin)

Texas Education Code [Section 51.804](#) – Additional Automatic Admissions: Selected Institutions

Texas Education Code [Section 51.805](#) – Other Admissions

Texas Education Code [Section 51.809](#) – Scholarships and Fellowship Awards

Texas Education Code [Section 51.842](#) – Admission and Scholarship Factors for Graduate and Professional Programs

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

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1. Title

Coordinated Admission Program

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Program. Under the Coordinated Admission Program (CAP), a Texas resident high school graduate applying for freshman admission who is not offered regular admission to The University of Texas at Austin is given the opportunity to attend one of the other University of Texas System general academic institutions cooperating in the program to complete certain minimum requirements during the freshman year.

Sec. 2 Requirements. Requirements for freshman applicants are:

2.1 Grade Point Average. The minimum grade point average requirement for the prescribed 30 semester credit hours of course work is 3.2.

2.2 Mathematics Course. A mathematics course beyond Math 301 (college algebra) is required as part of the prescribed 30 semester credit hours of course work.

2.3 Short Semesters. Short semester courses may not be counted in the prescribed 30 semester credit hours of course work.

2.4 Deadline. Applicants offered admission into CAP must accept by a June 1 deadline.

2.5 Admission Requirements. The U. T. institutions participating in CAP need to accept for participation only those applicants offered CAP who meet the regular minimum admission requirements of the respective institution.

Sec. 3 Transferring or Remaining. If the student successfully completes these requirements, he or she is guaranteed the opportunity to transfer to U. T. Austin at the beginning of the sophomore year. A successful CAP student also may elect to remain at the campus at which he or she completed the freshman year. A CAP student who does not successfully complete the minimum requirements for guaranteed transfer to

U. T. Austin may remain at the freshman-year campus if he or she is in good academic standing.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.352](#) – Responsibility of Governing Boards

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Admission Officers
Students
Prospective Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Summer Enrollment Plan

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Applicability. This rule applies only to The University of Texas at Austin. Summer enrollment is covered for other institutions under the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40302](#), which pertains to provisional admission.

Sec. 2 Background. To better control overall student enrollment while admitting quality students, the Board of Regents approved a Summer Enrollment Plan for U. T. Austin. The Plan, effective Summer 2001, is designed to yield approximately 600 regularly admitted students, as set out below. The top students who are not offered regular Fall Admission would be offered the Summer Enrollment Plan. The revised Program will be evaluated at the end of the third year.

Sec. 3 Program. Students will enroll in typical first-semester freshman courses and be held to the same GPA requirements placed on students entering in the fall.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.352](#) – Responsibility of Governing Boards

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40302](#) – Provisional Admission Policy

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
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1. Title

Academic Program Approval Standards

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Overarching Principles. The standards used for review and approval of academic program proposals are derived from three overarching principles that guide decisions about program goals, design, and implementation at The University of Texas System institutions. These principles are:

- 1.1 Mission. New university degree and certificate programs should be consistent with the higher education goals and mission of the State of Texas, The U. T. System, and the offering institution. This principle has implications not only for which programs should be offered by U. T. System institutions, but also for how they are designed and delivered so as to be responsive to the needs of students, parents, and the private and public sectors.
- 1.2 Quality. U. T. System degree and certificate programs should be of excellent quality. Program design, resources, and implementation plan, judged critically in view of the stated goals for a particular program, should compare favorably with State, national and international standards and competing programs. In general, they should exceed minimum standards of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or appropriate accrediting bodies.
- 1.3 Efficient Use of Resources. Academic programs at institutions of the U. T. System should represent good investments and efficient use of public and private resources. Program choice, design, and implementation plans should reflect wise use of institutional and inter-institutional or shared resources.

Sec. 2 Standards. Proposed new academic degree or certificate programs must provide good evidence of meeting the following standards:

- 2.1 Standards Relating to Goals, Need, Fit
 - (a) Program goals and educational objectives are clear.

- (b) Connections between proposed program goals and State and U. T. System goals and mission are strong and convincing.
- (c) Program goals advance institutional mission and strategic plan. Program is on the approved Table of Programs.
- (d) Program would meet a well-documented unmet need related to present or future manpower or social needs or regional priorities.
- (e) Program complements and builds upon existing university programs, strengths, and resources.

2.2 Standards for Quality of Implementation

- (a) Design of the degree or certificate program reflects understanding of state-of-the-art in the discipline.
- (b) Resources, including faculty, facilities, special equipment, field placement sites for internships, library and information access, and others as necessary, are adequate to deliver a program of excellent quality, meeting or exceeding Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) standards and those of other professional accrediting bodies where applicable.
- (c) Faculty responsible for program design and delivery have appropriate, relevant content expertise, scholarship records, and other professional experience and credentials.
- (d) New graduate programs are built upon demonstrated competence in related areas at the undergraduate or, where appropriate, master's level.
- (e) Program implementation and delivery plans are responsive to student needs and supportive of student retention and graduation, in light of program goals and resource availability.

- (f) The program proposal includes a plan for periodic program evaluation focusing on the program objectives, productivity, faculty and resources, changes in environment such as competition and delivery modes, student outcomes, retention, and graduation.
- (g) An efficient administration plan for the program is described with clear accountability and appropriate roles for faculty committees and unit administrators.
- (h) Interdisciplinary, cross-departmental, or cross-college programs are supported by administrative reporting structures likely to preserve interdisciplinary cooperation.

2.3 Standards for Costs and Revenues

- (a) Program proposal presents clear, logically consistent estimates of program costs and revenues.
- (b) Prospective student demand adequate for an efficient program is convincingly demonstrated, with specific attention to competing programs, other providers, and other delivery systems.
- (c) Proposal establishes growth potential to generate adequate resources to support program costs from State formula funding sources after the first three years and, where appropriate, from non-State sources.
- (d) Available inter-institutional, shared resources are utilized where appropriate.
- (e) Overall program costs are justifiable in light of potential program benefits and impact.

2.4 Compliance Standard

- (a) Program proposal complies in content and format with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules and instructions for program authorization.

2.5 Additional Standards for Doctoral Programs

- (a) There is a sufficient base of sponsored research programs in place to support student and faculty research.
- (b) Proposal presents convincing plans for recruitment of a critical mass of very talented students, carefully screened in accordance with the goals of the program.
- (c) Proposed program addresses preparation for graduates' future roles of teaching, research or creative endeavor, and work in nonacademic professional settings as appropriate.
- (d) Appropriate student support is available and/or there is a convincing plan for development of future support.
- (e) Because of the high level of resource requirements for doctoral programs, particularly rigorous attention must be applied to almost all approval standards in this document.

Sec. 3 Approvals.

- 3.1 Executive Vice Chancellor Approval. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or Health Affairs approves (1) Minor Program Change Requests and (2) requests regarding new certificate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs that would be eligible for administrative approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board staff as outlined in [19 Texas Administrative Code Part 1, Rules 2.110 – 2.121](#).
- 3.2 Board Approval. Doctoral programs or other substantive proposals not meeting the criteria for approval by the Executive Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs or Health Affairs must be approved by the Board of Regents' Academic Affairs or Health Affairs Committee and forwarded to the Board of Regents for final approval.
- 3.3 Reporting. The Offices of Academic Affairs and Health Affairs will provide annually to the Board of Regents a list

of academic program approvals made by the respective Executive Vice Chancellors.

Sec. 4 Changes in Degree Requirements. Changes in degree requirements shall not become effective until approved by the Board of Regents and published in the appropriate catalog; however, students may be given the benefit of any action reducing or modifying the requirements for their degrees immediately upon Board approval.

3. Definitions

Minor Program Change Requests – Generally meet the following criteria: (1) no implications for changes in institutional role and scope, (2) no significant new costs, (3) no issues of unnecessary duplication with programs at other institutions, and (4) potential for high quality programming obvious from institution's previous experience in the same or closely treated subject field.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[19 Texas Administrative Code Part 1, Rules 2.110-2.121](#) – Approval Process for New Baccalaureate and Masters Degrees at Public Universities and Public Health-Related Institutions

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40311](#) – Graduate Education (Section 7, Milestone Agreement Form)

6. Who Should Know

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Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

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1. Title

Administration of Courses Offered in Shortened Format

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. To delegate to the president of an institution the responsibility for developing policies and procedures that ensure courses offered in a shortened format are of the same quality and rigor as courses offered during a normal semester or summer session.

Sec. 2 Delegated Responsibility. The president of each institution shall cause to be developed such additional policies and procedures as are necessary to assure compliance with the intent and spirit of this rule for the administration of courses offered in shortened formats. These additional requirements should address specific standards such as minimum class contact hours per credit hour and the minimum duration per credit hour among others. Such requirements will be published in the institution's *Handbook of Operating Procedures* following normal approval procedures.

Sec. 3 Oversight of Courses. The president of each institution shall designate an individual or individuals who shall have the authority to approve the scheduling of courses offered in shortened formats. Those so designated shall also be responsible for monitoring academic expectations and for the scheduling of all such courses and shall maintain records of compliance with institutional standards for all such course requests considered and approved.

3. Definitions

Course Offered in Shortened Format. A course offered in a shortened format is any course for which academic credit is given and for which the elapsed time from the first class meeting until the last class meeting or examination period is less than a normal semester or summer session term.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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1. Title

Accessibility of Teacher Certification Courses

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Plan. Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.363\(g\)](#), the Board of Regents directs the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to work with each of the teacher preparation programs at The University of Texas System general academic institutions to develop and monitor a plan, which includes implementation of timelines and strategies, to make teacher certification courses more accessible to students seeking teacher certification. The plans will consider evening classes, internet classes, or other means approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 54.363\(g\)](#) – Educational Aides

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Graduate Education

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Responsibility for Graduate Programs. The academic and health institutions of the U. T. System authorized to offer graduate degrees shall provide and maintain an appropriate faculty and administrative organization for such graduate degrees. The president of each institution of the U. T. System shall be responsible through the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor to the Chancellor, and through him or her, to the Board of Regents for policies and administration of the graduate programs.

Sec. 2 Joint or Cooperative Degree Programs. Where two or more institutions of the U. T. System are authorized to conduct joint or cooperative degree programs, the presidents of the cooperating institutions shall be authorized to establish, subject to the approval of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, special procedures and organizations for the administration of such programs.

Sec. 3 Milestone Agreement Form. Academic departments of institutions within the U. T. System must provide all Ph.D. students with an individualized Milestone Agreement Form. This form should be in an electronic format consistent with [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) policies and shall be provided for the purpose of informing students about the milestones that they will be expected to reach to earn a Ph.D. degree. Students are expected to reach each milestone within the specified time period to make satisfactory progress through the program.

3.1 Required Template. The Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Health Affairs shall provide to the institutions a template of those elements of information that must be contained in every form. Departments may add information to the form to fit unique program requirements.

3.2 Implementation Timeline. Beginning in Fall 2013, a Milestone Agreement Form is to be provided annually to all Ph.D. students.

3. Definitions

Graduate Programs – as the term is used in these *Rules*, does not include the programs that lead to the M.D., D.D.S., M.P.H., Dr. P.H., J.D., LL.M., and M.C.J. degrees, other professional masters and doctoral degrees, or others that may be excluded upon recommendation by the president of the institution and concurrence by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Assessment, Collection, Delegation, and Waiver of Tuition, Fees, and Charges

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Published Fees. Tuition, fees, and other charges will be fixed as prescribed or authorized by statute and the relative debt covenants of the Board and will be published in the institutional catalog with a description of the criteria for any authorized exemptions and waivers.

Sec. 2 Exemptions and Waivers. The authority of the Board of Regents to grant exemptions and waivers from tuition, fees, and other charges in accordance with statute, is delegated to the presidents of the institutions.

Sec. 3 Delegation of Approval of Certain Fees and Charges. Subject to the obligation of the Board to set fees and charges at levels sufficient to comply with the covenants made in the Master Resolution Establishing the Revenue Financing System and in related agreements and debt instruments entered into or issued thereunder, the Board of Regents delegates to the presidents the authority to assess and collect the following fees and other charges, upon a finding by the president that such fees and other charges comply with the requirements of the statute authorizing such fees or charges, including statutory limitations on the amounts of such charges. Each institution shall adopt provisions in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* to incorporate institutional procedures for proposing and approving the fees and charges listed in this section.

3.1. Approval authority for the following fees is conditioned on prior review and approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs:

1. Fees for Vehicle Registration and Fees and Other Charges associated with parking, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Sections 51.202\(a\)](#) and [54.505](#).
2. Matriculation Fee, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.006\(a-1\)](#)

3. Fees Associated with the Option to Pay Tuition by Installment, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.007\(c\)](#)
 4. Supplemental Fees for coaching or individual instruction, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.051\(l\)](#)
 5. Laboratory Fees, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.501\(a\)](#)
 6. Incidental Fees, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.504](#) including, but not limited to, course fees.
 7. Charges and Fees for Certain Payments, related to electronic funds transfer or credit card payment, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.5011](#)
 8. Fees and Other Charges for rentals, rates, and charges for certain occupancy, services, use and availability of facilities or services including, but not limited to, student housing room and board rates as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 55.16](#).
- 3.2. Approval authority for the following fees is delegated directly to the presidents:
1. Continuing Education or Self-Supporting Course Fees, as authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.545](#).
 2. Elective non-academic charges for goods or services that are not typically required at any point over the course of a student's enrollment at an institution. Examples of such charges include those for theater or sporting event tickets, health center goods and services, or elective recreational activities such as intramural sports or personal training.

Sec. 4 Approval of Method of Payment. The Board of Regents delegates to the presidents of the institutions the authority to collect the payment of tuition, fees, and other charges in accordance with those methods prescribed or authorized by statute.

Sec. 5 Student Fees Associated with CIP Projects. In accordance with [Rule 80301](#) of these Rules, Board approval of a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project shall be obtained prior to the call for a student election to authorize new or increased fees to fund the CIP project.

Sec. 6 In the event of nonpayment of university tuition, fees, or other charges, an institution may take actions permissible under federal or state laws or regulations.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202\(a\)](#) – Rules and Regulations

Texas Education Code [Section 54.006\(a-1\)](#) – Matriculation

Texas Education Code [Section 54.007\(c\)](#) – Fees Associated with Option to Pay Tuition By Installment

Texas Education Code [Section 54.0071](#) – Authority of Institution to Provide Payment Options for Student with Delayed Financial Aid

Texas Education Code [Section 54.008](#) – Tuition Rate Set by Governing Board

Texas Education Code [Section 54.051\(l\)](#) – Tuition Rates

Texas Education Code [Section 54.0513](#) – Designated Tuition

Texas Education Code [Section 54.218](#) – Distance Learning or Off-Campus Courses; Optional Waiver

Texas Education Code [Section 54.261](#) – Designated Tuition; Hardship; Optional Waiver

Texas Education Code [Section 54.501\(a\)](#) – Laboratory Fees

Texas Education Code [Section 54.5011](#) – Charges and Fees for Certain Payments

Texas Education Code [Section 54.504](#) – Incidental Fees

Texas Education Code [Section 54.505](#) – Vehicle Registration Fees and Other Fees Related to Parking and Traffic

Texas Education Code [Section 54.545](#) – Fees for Continuing Education Courses

Texas Education Code [Section 55.16\(c\)](#) – Rentals, Rates, and Charges

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80109](#) – Parking and Traffic Regulations

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

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Emergency Student Loan Program for Tuition and Fees

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Introduction. Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 56.053](#) the Board of Regents is required to adopt rules providing the terms of an emergency student loan program.

Sec. 2 Eligibility Rules. The eligibility rules for a student emergency loan program are as follows:

- 2.1 To be eligible for emergency loans, a student must have been accepted for enrollment and be enrolled on at least a half-time basis at the institution.
- 2.2 To be eligible for the emergency loan program a student must face an emergency situation and must not have received loan or grant funds from the Financial Aide Office to pay tuition and fees for the current semester.
- 2.3 Loans to eligible students shall be granted on the basis of the order in which the institution receives applications.

Sec. 3 Terms. The terms for a student emergency loan program are as follows:

- 3.1 As long as funds are available in the emergency loan program, an eligible student must be allowed to receive a loan in an amount equal to tuition, required fees, and the cost of textbooks for the courses in which the student is enrolling.
- 3.2 The maximum loan amount per student may not exceed charges for tuition, mandatory fees, and the cost of textbooks unless the institution determines that a lower amount would be in the best interest of the student.
- 3.3 The loan must be evidenced by a written or electronic agreement containing terms approved by The University of Texas System Administration's Office of General Counsel and that provides for either interest at a rate of not less than three percent or more than five percent per

year, or an origination fee of not more than 1.25 percent of the amount of the loan.

- 3.4 The loan must be repaid within 90 days or five days before the last class day of the semester, in which the student is enrolled, whichever period is shorter. Students enrolled in programs not on a semester basis must repay the loan prior to 30 days before the last class day of the annual academic term in which the loan is made.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 56.053](#) - Terms; Emergency Tuition and Fee Loans

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Financial Aid Officers
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Tuition Rates for Students Residing in Certain Counties and States and Attending Certain Institutions

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Background. Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.231\(g\)](#) the Board of Regents may agree to admit nonresident students at resident tuition rates as allowed under *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.231](#). That statute provides that a student who resides in a county or parish of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, or Oklahoma, that is adjacent to Texas, is eligible for such a tuition concession provided the adjoining state allows a Texas resident of a county adjoining that state enrolled at a public institution in that state to pay the tuition rate charged for residents of that state. Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.0601](#), the Board may also request permission from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to set a nonresident tuition rate that is lower than the regular nonresident tuition rate for a general academic teaching institution located not more than 100 miles from the boundaries of Texas with another state.

Sec. 2 Authorizations. As a result, the Board of Regents authorized the following:

- 2.1 The University of Texas at El Paso was authorized to establish resident tuition rates for students residing in counties in New Mexico that are adjacent to Texas.
- 2.2 The Board of Regents has authorized The University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Texas Permian Basin, and The University of Texas at Tyler, effective with the Spring Semester 1996, and Stephen F. Austin State University, effective for students first registering in Spring 2024, to charge a reduced tuition rate equal to the statutory rate for Texas residents, plus \$30 per semester credit hour, for citizens of states within 100 miles of each institution as indicated below:

Institution	State(s) within 100 Miles
U. T. Dallas	OK
U. T. Permian Basin	NM

Stephen F. Austin State University LA
U. T. Tyler AR, LA, OK

3. Definitions

Student – the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has defined a student for the purposes of this Rule as applying only to an undergraduate student.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 54.231](#) – Resident of Bordering State or Nation or Participant in Student Exchange Program: Tuition

Texas Education Code [Section 54.0601](#) – Nonresident Tuition Rates at Certain Institutions

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40401](#) – Assessment, Collection, Delegation, and Waiver of Tuition and Fees

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

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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1. Title

Tuition Rates for Undergraduate Students with Excessive Semester Credit Hours

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Background. Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.014](#), institutions of higher education may charge a resident student a tuition rate that is higher than the regular resident tuition, but does not exceed the nonresident tuition rate, if the student has previously attempted 170 or more semester credit hours without earning a baccalaureate degree. [Section 61.0595](#) of the *Texas Education Code* directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to withhold formula funding for students who have previously attempted 170 or more semester credit hours for courses taken at any institution of higher education while classified as a resident of Texas for tuition purposes.

Sec. 2 Delegation. The Board of Regents delegates to the presidents of institutions authority to charge a tuition rate that is higher than the regular tuition rate but that does not exceed the statutory nonresident tuition rate to resident undergraduate students who accumulate excessive hours.

3. Definitions

Excessive Semester Credit Hours – An undergraduate student who has previously attempted 170 or more semester credit hours without earning a baccalaureate degree.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 54.014](#) – Tuition for Repeated or Excessive Undergraduate Hours (*Note:* Although the current Statute speaks also to “repeated” hours, the Board’s delegation did not extend to “repeated” hours.)

Texas Education Code [Section 61.0595](#) – Funding for Certain Excess Undergraduate Credit Hours

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40401](#) - Assessment, Collection, Delegation, and Waiver of Tuition and Fees

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

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Administration of Scholarships

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Background. The [General Appropriations Act](#) calls for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Board of Regents relating to the administration of scholarships.
- Sec. 2 Eligible Students. Scholarships from said fund may be awarded only to students who have been accepted for enrollment and who actually enroll on at least a half-time basis in the term or terms for which the scholarship is awarded.
- Sec. 3 Financial Need. Scholarships are to be awarded based on the financial need of the applicant as determined by the institution and based on accepted need analysis procedures generally in use in other "need-based" financial assistance programs.
- Sec. 4 Use of Other Grants. Each student shall first use any other grant funds for support of educational expenses for which the student may reasonably be eligible before receiving state scholarship funds.
- Sec. 5 Amount of Award. The amount of the scholarship award, when combined with all other grant or gift funds awarded to the student, shall not exceed 70% of the reasonable expenses to be incurred by the student in the semester or term for which the scholarship is awarded.
- Sec. 6 Demonstrated Need. No student shall receive an amount in excess of demonstrated need.
- Sec. 7 Non-Resident Students. No more than 10% of total scholarship funds awarded through the program in a fiscal year shall be awarded to nonresident students.
- Sec. 8 College Work-Study Program. Any or all of the scholarship funds appropriated may be used for the institutional matching share of earnings in the College Work-Study Program. Funds used in this manner will not be subject to the restriction governing the scholarships.

Sec. 9 Prohibition. No funds appropriated in this Act for scholarships to institutions of higher education may be used to provide athletic scholarships.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[General Appropriations Act](#)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Financial Aid Officers
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Texas Public Education Grants/Loan Program

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Establishment of Percentage. The Board of Regents authorizes each degree-granting institution to set aside from the percentage specified by the [General Appropriations Act](#) for the applicable academic year as provided by [Section 56.033\(a\)\(2\)](#) of the *Texas Education Code* from each resident student's tuition charge and 3% from each nonresident's tuition charge for use as Texas Public Educational Grants and Emergency Loans. In allocating the set-aside funds, the allocation shall reflect the legislatively mandated parameter that "not less than 90 percent [of the set-aside funds] shall be used for Texas Public Educational Grants (TPEG) and not more than 10 percent [of the set-aside funds] shall be use for emergency loans...." Within this parameter, each institution may adjust the allocation in accordance with its needs after consultation with the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. Each institution shall establish administrative procedures to insure that Texas Public Educational Grants and Emergency Loans are awarded on the basis of projected set-aside revenues for each semester or annual academic term.

Sec. 2 Criteria for Awarding Grants. The following criteria shall be used in awarding Texas Public Education Grants:

- 2.1 Enrolled Students. Grants are to be made only to students who have been accepted for enrollment and who actually enroll in the term or terms for which the grant is awarded.
- 2.2 Financial Need. Grants are to be awarded based upon the financial need of the applicant.
- 2.3 Method for Determining Need. Financial need is to be determined by use of accepted needs analysis procedures generally in use in other "needs based" financial assistance programs. Deviation from such procedures shall be properly documented.
- 2.4 Restrictions on Awards. Awards to residents may only be funded through funds set aside from resident student

tuition revenues. Awards to nonresident and foreign students may only come from funds set aside from the tuition revenues of such students. After the end of the sixth class week of each semester, an institution may transfer any excess funds set aside from tuition paid by resident or nonresident students to the funds set aside for grants awarded to the other class of students. Priority for awarding grants from any excess funds set aside from tuition paid by resident students shall be given to resident students.

- 2.5 Use of Interest Earned. Interest earned from the funds set aside for Texas Public Educational Grants may be spent only for grants to students under the Texas Public Educational Grants Program.
- 2.6 Transfer of Funds. Any or all of the funds set aside for making Texas Public Educational Grants may be transferred to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to be used for matching federal or other grant funds for awarding to students at each U. T. System institution. Generally only such amounts as can be equally matched by funds held by the Coordinating Board shall be transferred to the Coordinating Board and any unmatched funds transferred to the Coordinating Board shall be returned to each institution upon request of the president.
- 2.7 Excess Funds. At the end of a fiscal year, if the total amount of unencumbered funds that has been set aside under this program by each U. T. System institution, together with the total amount of unencumbered funds transferred to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, exceeds 150 percent of the amount of funds set aside by that institution in the fiscal year, each institution within the U. T. System shall transfer the excess amount to the Coordinating Board for the purpose of awarding scholarships as provided by law to students at institutions other than the institution that transferred funds.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[General Appropriations Act](#)

Texas Education Code [Section 56.033](#) – Source of Program Funding

Texas Education Code [Section 56.034](#) – Guidelines for Determining Eligibility and Awarding Grants

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Speech and Assembly

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Time, Place, and Manner. The freedoms of speech and assembly are basic and essential to intellectual development. However, these activities are subject to the well-established right of colleges and universities to regulate time, place, and manner so that the activities do not intrude upon or interfere with the academic programs and administrative processes of The University of Texas System Administration or any of the institutions. Time, place, and manner restrictions apply in all areas of an institution's campus, even outdoor common areas, which are designated as traditional public forums. For more information about the authorized use of different areas of campus, see Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80101](#).

Sec. 2 Regulation of Off-Campus Speakers. In addition to the time, place, and manner regulations referenced in Section 1, above, the Board of Regents has, and reserves the right to, regulate Off-Campus Speakers in areas other than the common outdoor areas of property owned or controlled by the U. T. System.

2.1 Only registered student, faculty, or staff organizations, System-owned dormitories, and Student Government may present Off-Campus Speakers.

2.2 The organization presenting an Off-Campus Speaker has the responsibility of making clear the fact that the organization, not the institution, is extending the invitation to speak and that any views the speaker may express are his or her own and not necessarily those of the U. T. System or of any institution.

2.3 Registered student, faculty, or staff organizations, System-owned dormitories, and Student Government may be permitted the use of U. T. System-owned facilities to present Off-Campus Speakers on campus pursuant to the facilities use regulations of the U. T. System Administration and the institution.

- 2.4 An application for the use of any facility of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions must be made to the Chancellor of the U. T. System or the president of an institution, or his or her delegate, at least 48 hours before the time an event involving an Off-Campus Speaker is scheduled to take place. Any determination regarding the approval of or the fee for the use of the facility for presenting an Off-Campus Speaker must comply with *Texas Education Code Section 51.9315(h)*.
- 2.5 No Off-Campus Speaker is permitted on any campus of the U. T. System to engage in speech, either orally or in writing, that is unlawful.
- 2.6 No Off-Campus Speaker who is to be paid from State funds as consideration for his or her speech shall be permitted to speak on the campus of any institution of the U. T. System unless the institution's facility in which the speech is to be delivered will be open to the public, including members of the news media, who will be entitled to record, videotape, or telecast live portions of the speech.
- 2.7 The provisions of this Section do not apply to classes, seminars, symposia, and conferences intended for the use and benefit of students, faculty, staff, and invited guests.
- 2.8 No person may in any way obstruct or lessen the opportunity for the audience to take the fullest advantage of the speech, including the opportunity to see and hear the speaker during the entire speech.

Sec. 3 The application of this Rule shall comply with all State and federal laws.

3. Definitions

Off-Campus Speaker – an individual who is unaffiliated with the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions and is presented as a speaker by a registered student, faculty, or staff organization on an institution's campus

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.9315](#) – Protected Expression on Campus

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80101](#) – Category of Facilities and Authorized Users

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80103](#) – Solicitation

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Students
Faculty
Staff

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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1. Title

Negotiations Related to Disruptive Activities Prohibited

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Prohibition. Neither the Chancellor of The University of Texas System, the president of an institution, any officer in the System Administration, nor any representative of either of them when dealing with disruptive activities, shall negotiate or attempt to negotiate with any person or persons engaged in any disruptive activity on the campus of any institution of the U. T. System.

Sec. 2 Discretion. When such a situation arises, the Chancellor of the U. T. System, the president of an institution, any officer in the System Administration, or any representative of either of them, shall take immediate action to utilize all lawful measures to halt and eliminate any and all such disruptive activities that come to their attention: provided, however, the Chief of Police of the U. T. System or any of the institutions and those people designated by any such Chief of Police are authorized to use their sound discretion under the attendant circumstances in addressing any such disruptive behavior.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.935](#) – Disruptive Activities

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Institutions Comprising The University of Texas System

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Official Titles of Institutions. The U. T. System is composed of the institutions set forth below. To ensure uniformity and consistency of usage throughout the U. T. System, the institutions shall be listed in the following order and the following titles (short form of title follows) shall be used:

1.1 The University of Texas System Board of Regents (U. T. System Board of Regents)

1.2 The University of Texas System Administration (U. T. System Administration)

1.3 Institutions of the U. T. System are:

(a) The University of Texas at Arlington (U. T. Arlington)

(b) The University of Texas at Austin (U. T. Austin),
including Dell Medical School

(c) The University of Texas at Dallas (U. T. Dallas)

(d) The University of Texas at El Paso (U. T. El Paso)

(e) The University of Texas Permian Basin (U. T. Permian Basin)

(f) The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (U. T. Rio Grande Valley), including the U. T. Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine

(g) The University of Texas at San Antonio (U. T. San Antonio)

(h) Stephen F. Austin State University, a Member of the University of Texas System (Stephen F. Austin State University)

- (i) The University of Texas at Tyler (U. T. Tyler), including The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler
- (j) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (U. T. Southwestern Medical Center)
- (k) The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston)
- (l) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (U. T. Health Science Center - Houston)
- (m) The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio)
- (n) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center (U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center)

Sec. 2 Other Entities Within an Institution.

- Sec. 2.1 The establishment of a college or school requires approval by the Board of Regents, upon recommendation of the president, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor.
- Sec. 2.2 The establishment of a department or similar academic unit requires approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, upon the recommendation of the president.
- Sec. 2.3 Approval of the naming of a college, school, department, and other entity in honor of a donor or other individual shall be according to Regents' [Rule 80307](#).
- Sec. 2.4 A nonsubstantive change to the name of an established college, school, or department shall be approved by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.11](#) – Board of Regents

Texas Education Code [Section 65.02](#) – Organization

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[List of Colleges and Schools](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

Office of Academic Affairs

Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Medical and Hospital Services

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Compensation for Service. With exceptions as outlined below, no health care services shall be provided by any institution of The University of Texas System to any person without compensation or reimbursement to the U. T. System. In the case of health care facilities operated by the U. T. System, which under the law are open to the general public, free or partly free health care services may be rendered to persons who are indigent and who are able to offer proof that they are not financially able to pay either all or any part of their health care expenses. In the case of health care services provided by faculty of a general academic institution in the conduct of an educational program, persons receiving such services need not be charged for such services.

Sec. 2 Acceptance of Patients. Health institutions may accept patients for acute or continuing, or both, care without referral by another physician or agency. The patients are accepted for total and continuing care including the obligation to obtain the services of other physicians when indicated.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Health Care Risk Management

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Focus of Risk Management. All risks of loss should be minimized by risk management and prevention programs, including risks associated with the provision of health care. Health institutions and medical schools on academic campuses shall establish and maintain programs whose purpose is to promote the quality of care provided to patients. Wherever possible, the focus of these programs is to prevent loss or injury through:

- 1.1 Striving for quality in all aspects of patient care.
- 1.2 Education of all levels of staff and employees.
- 1.3 Providing basic elements for each institution's quality and risk management program.
- 1.4 Monitoring of activities resulting in loss of time, equipment and resources.
- 1.5 Compliance with federal, state and local codes, rules and regulations.
- 1.6 Coordination and integration of programs in risk management and in quality improvement.
- 1.7 Timely reporting of quality issues and adverse occurrences within organizations and from institutions to U. T. System Administration.

Sec. 2 Responsibility for Implementation. By this policy, each institution is hereby delegated the operational responsibility to implement a health risk management and risk prevention program which will reflect the principles stated above. Each program should reflect the principle that an effective risk management program is the responsibility of all levels of management and all personnel.

3. Definitions

Risk Management/Risk Prevention – as used in this rule includes programs dealing with medical liability and quality management.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Official Seal, Colors, Logo, and Mascot

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Official Seal. The official seal of The University of Texas System shall be the seal held in the custody of the General Counsel to the Board of Regents on which shall be inscribed, "Seal of The University of Texas." The official seal of each institution shall consist of the System seal with such heraldic variations as may be approved by the Board of Regents upon recommendation of the president of the institution, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor. This official seal shall be used for the purpose of certifying diplomas, official transcripts for students, and for such other official purposes as may be approved by the Board of Regents, by System Administration, or by the president of an institution. Provided, however, that if any institution has previously adopted and presently uses an institutional seal, such institution may continue to use such seal in lieu of the seal hereby provided for. Provided further, however, no institution shall use as its official seal that seal approved herein as the official seal of the System, unless the full title of the institution as designated in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40601](#) is also used as an integral part of the seal.

Sec. 2 Official Colors. The official colors for the U. T. System shall be orange and white; provided, however, that an institution may adopt one additional color to be used in connection with athletic and other activities of the institution when approved by the Board of Regents upon recommendation of the president of the institution, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor.

Sec. 3 Themes, Logos, and Mascots. Each institution may adopt a theme, a logo, and a mascot, provided same are approved by the Board of Regents via the Agenda following recommendation of the president of the institution, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40601](#) – Institutions Comprising The University of Texas System

[Board of Regents Action on December 11, 1980, approving official color for The University of Texas at Dallas](#)

[Board of Regents Action on December 9, 2009, approving logo and brand identity for U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center](#)

[Board of Regents Action on August 24, 2023, establishing Stephen F. Austin as a member of the University of Texas System](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Charter Schools

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Conditions for Starting a Charter School. Upon a finding by the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs that a proposed application to operate a charter school as authorized by *Texas Education Code*, [Chapter 12](#) meets requirements of State law and furthers the institutional mission, an institution may apply to the State Board of Education to operate a charter school. Charter school operations will adhere to all applicable provisions of State law including the [Texas Public Information Act](#).

Sec. 2 Oversight. The oversight and supervision of charter schools is delegated to the appropriate institutional president.

Sec. 3 Advisory Council. A board or council may be appointed by the president to advise him or her on operation of the charter school. The board or council will comply with all provisions of the [Texas Open Meetings Act](#) applicable to a school district board of trustees.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 12.101](#) – Authorization of Open-Enrollment Charter School

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 551](#) – Open Meetings

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 552](#) – Public Information

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Student Conduct and Discipline

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Standards of Conduct. All students are expected and required to obey federal, State, and local laws; to comply with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, with The University of Texas System and institutional rules and regulations, and with directives issued by administrative officials of the U. T. System or U. T. System institution in the course of their authorized duties; and to observe standards of conduct appropriate for an academic institution.

Sec. 2 Institutional Rules. Each U. T. System institution shall adopt rules and regulations concerning student conduct and discipline. Such rules shall be in accordance with a model policy developed by the Office of General Counsel that complies with State and federal law, Regents' Rules, and U. T. System policies. Institutional rules shall become effective upon review and approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, as appropriate, and by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel. Each student is deemed to have notice of the provisions of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* and institutional policies.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.936](#) – Hazing

Texas Education Code [Section 37.151](#) et seq. – Definitions

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[Model Policy for Student Conduct and Discipline](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Dean of Students

Hearing Officers
Students
Office of General Counsel

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Student Advisory Council

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Student Advisory Council. A Student Advisory Council represents institutions in the U. T. System to facilitate the flow of ideas and information between and among the Board of Regents, the System Administration, and the institutions of the System. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or his or her designee serves as System liaison to the Council. Representatives of the Student Advisory Council are encouraged to address the Board of Regents at meetings of the Board, including meetings of the Standing Committees, and may recommend action to the Board through the Chancellor. At least once each year, a meeting will be arranged between the Student Advisory Council Executive Committee and the Board of Regents.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30401](#) – Employee and Faculty Advisory Councils

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

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Student Organizations

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Registration Procedures. An organization in which membership is limited to students (recognizing that faculty and staff may also be members) of an institution may become a registered student organization at that institution by complying with the registration procedures established by the chief student affairs officer or his or her designee.

Sec. 2 Advisors. The chief student affairs officer, with the approval of the president of an institution, may establish regulations requiring faculty or staff advisers for registered student organizations.

Sec. 3 Limitation on Representations. A registered student organization may state that its membership is composed of students, or of students, faculty, and/or staff, of an institution, but it shall not suggest or imply that it is acting with the authority or as an agency of that institution. A student organization shall not use the name of an institution or the name of The University of Texas System as a part of the name of the organization, and it shall neither display the seal of either an institution or the U. T. System in connection with any activity of the organization nor use such seal or seals as a part of any letterhead, sign, banner, pamphlet, or other printed material that bears the name of the organization.

Sec. 4 Eligibility. The chief student affairs officer, with the approval of the president of an institution, may issue regulations governing the eligibility of students for participation in organized activities.

Sec. 5 Disciplinary Action. Any student organization is subject to disciplinary action or revocation of registration as a student organization for violation of a rule or regulation of the U. T. System and/or of the institution at which the organization is registered.

Sec. 6 Coordination of Registration. The president of each institution of the System shall require and enforce the following:

- 6.1 List of Officers and Members. As a condition to being a registered student organization or group during a semester, every registered student organization or group shall furnish to the appropriate institutional officer at the beginning of each such semester a complete list of officers or other members of the organization or group who are authorized to speak for or represent the organization or group in its relations with the institution and who are authorized to receive for the organization or group official notices, directives, or information from the institution. Each such list shall be kept current and accurate throughout the semester by the organization or group, and it shall be conclusively presumed that the officers or members whose names are on the list most recently filed by the organization or group are authorized to speak for and represent the organization or group in its relations with the institution and are authorized to receive for the organization or group official notices, directives, or information from the institution.
- 6.2 Restrictions on Membership. No registered student organization or group may have any person as a member who is not either a student or a member of the faculty or staff of the institution. Except pursuant to the provisions of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80106](#), no organization or group, whether registered or not, may use any facility of any institution of the System if it has as a member any person who is not either a student or a member of the faculty or staff of the institution.
- 6.3 Statement as to Make-up of Members. At the beginning of each semester, each registered student organization or group must file with the appropriate institutional officer a written statement that the organization or group does not, and will not during the semester, have as a member any person who is not either a student or a member of the faculty or staff of the institution. If an organization or group fails or refuses to file the required statement, or if the Dean of Students determines that the statement is or has become false, the Dean of Students, after providing notice, shall begin disciplinary proceedings. The Dean or Hearing Officer may cancel the registered status of the organization or group or impose other appropriate penalties.

6.4 Debts to the Institution. No organization or group, whether registered or not, may use the facilities of any institution as long as it owes a monetary debt to the institution and the debt is considered delinquent by the crediting institutional agency.

Sec. 7 Limit on Registration. Any institution may require student organizations or groups to sign an agreement to comply with institutional rules and may refuse to register any organization that refuses to sign such an agreement.

Sec. 8 Application for Re-registration. A registered student organization whose registered status has been cancelled by the Dean of Students pursuant to Section 6.3 above or [Rule 80103](#), Section 3 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* may apply for re-registration not less than six months following the date of such cancellation.

3. Definitions

Chief Student Affairs Officer – The administrative officer or officers directly responsible for student affairs at each institution.

Dean or Dean of Students – Refers to the administrative officer or officers responsible for the administration of the disciplinary process at each institution.

Hearing Officer – An individual selected in accordance with procedures adopted by the institution to hear disciplinary charges, make findings of fact, and, upon a finding of guilt, imposes an appropriate sanction(s).

Student – The following persons shall be considered students for purposes of these policies and regulations:

1. A person currently enrolled at an institution of the System.
2. A person accepted for admission or readmission to an institution of the System.
3. A person who has been enrolled at an institution of the System in a prior semester or summer session and is eligible to continue enrollment in the semester or summer session that immediately follows.

4. A person who engaged in prohibited conduct at a time when he or she met the criteria of 1, 2, and 3 immediately above.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Dean of Students
Chief Student Affairs Officer
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Participation in Student Government

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Student Associations. Students' associations currently authorized at the institutions of The University of Texas System are hereby approved. They shall have such jurisdictions and shall exercise such powers as the Board of Regents may now or hereafter delegate to them.

- 1.1 Associations in Force. The constitutions and bylaws of the several associations in force at the date of adoption of these *Rules and Regulations* are hereby approved.
- 1.2 Approval of Changes. An amendment to the constitution or bylaws of a students' association may be adopted by an association, in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, but the change shall not become effective until transmitted to and approved by the chief student affairs officer and the president.
- 1.3 Amendment or Repeal of Provisions. The chief student affairs officer shall have the power, when in his or her judgment the interests of the institution require it, to amend or repeal any provision in the constitution or bylaws of the particular association, but such action shall not be effective until approved by the president.
- 1.4 Approval of Employees. All persons officially employed on salary by or under the direct supervision of a students' association shall be subject to approval by the chief student affairs officer and the president.
- 1.5 Required Financial Reports. Every officially recognized students' association shall make annually a complete financial report to the institutional chief business officer and shall make such special reports as may be called for by such business officer. A duplicate copy of each report shall be filed with the chief student affairs officer. Committees and administrative units of a students' association shall make such interim reports of financial condition as may be required by the chief student affairs officer.

- Sec. 2 Student Opinion. The students' association on each campus shall be a recognized forum of student opinion.
- 2.1 Recommendations to the Board of Regents. When a students' association takes a position with reference to issues directly related to an institution and its operations, its recommendations to the Board of Regents shall go through the chief student affairs officer, the president, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor.
 - 2.2 Position on Non-University Issues. When a students' association takes a position on non-University issues, it shall make clear the fact that it does not speak for the institution.
 - 2.3 Conditions for Getting Feedback. A students' association may conduct polls, initiate petitions, and/or establish forums for debate or discussion under conditions approved by the chief student affairs officer.
 - 2.4 Personal Views of Officers. Officers of a students' association may so identify themselves when they express their personal views, but they shall then make it clear that they are not speaking for the institution, or for the student body, and they shall make it clear they are not speaking for the students' association unless the legislative body of that association has authorized the statement in advance.

3. Definitions

Chief Student Affairs Officer – The administrative officer or officers directly responsible for student affairs at each institution.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Dean of Students
Chief Student Affairs Officer
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

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

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Student Debit Cards

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Delegation. The Board of Regents delegates to each institution's president the authority to establish a program to provide students enrolled at the institution with a debit card. The debit card program must comply with applicable State and federal law. Before implementing a debit card program at the institution, the president must obtain the prior approval of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. In addition, the president shall comply with applicable guidelines issued by the Office of General Counsel.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Business & Commerce Code [Chapter 761](#) – Credit Card Marketing at Postsecondary Educational Institutions

Texas Education Code [Section 51.940](#) – Student Debit Cards

[15 United States Code Section 1650\(f\)\(1\)](#) contained in the Consumer Credit Protection Act

[12 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1026.57\(b\)](#) contained in Regulation Z Truth in Lending

[34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668](#) – Student Assistance General Provisions

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80103](#) – Solicitation

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 167, Banking Services Policy](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Student Health Insurance Requirements

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 International Students

1.1 Requirement for International Students and Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor the authority to approve a policy on International Student Health Insurance, which defines the categories of students who shall be defined as “international students” who are required to maintain health insurance as a condition of enrollment, and outlines the health insurance requirements which shall be applicable to such International Students.

1.2 The policy on International Student Health Insurance shall include, at a minimum:

1.2.1 A requirement that international students subject to the policy shall be automatically enrolled in the U. T. System sponsored student health insurance plan titled U. T. System Student Health Insurance Program (UT SHIP), with the exceptions noted in Section 2.2.

1.2.2 The authority of each institution of the U. T. System to assess each international student, for each semester in which the international student is enrolled, a Student Health Insurance Premium fee (as an incidental fee authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 54.504](#)) sufficient to cover the cost of the international student’s enrollment in coverage under the UT SHIP and the cost of medical evacuation and repatriation coverage provided through UT SHIP for that semester.

1.2.3 The process by which the enrollment requirement and Health Insurance Premium fee may be waived for international students who:

- a. are sponsored by the U.S. government, a foreign government recognized by the U.S., or certain

international, government sponsored or nongovernmental organizations, if: 1) the sponsor has guaranteed payment of all health care expenses in writing, or 2) has provided coverage through a Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) compliant plan;

- b. are enrolled in the U. T. System Employee Group Health Plan;
- c. are enrolled in another PPACA-compliant employer-provided plan or another PPACA individual plan, with such coverage compliant with the PPACA; or
- d. are enrolled exclusively in distance learning programs or classes.

1.2.4 A requirement that any international student granted a waiver based on coverage that does not include medical evacuation and repatriation coverage must purchase the medical evacuation and repatriation coverage provided through UT SHIP for each semester of enrollment; and

1.2.5 A requirement that any international student who obtains a waiver based on proof of alternative coverage as described in this Rule is required to report any lapse of such coverage to the institution immediately.

Sec. 2 Students Enrolled at Institutions with a Medical and Dental Unit

2.1 Requirement for Students Enrolled at Institutions defined as Medical and Dental Units. In accordance with *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.952](#), the Board of Regents is authorized to require students enrolled in a U. T. System institution defined by law as a Medical and Dental Unit to have health insurance coverage.

2.2 Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor the authority to approve a policy that defines the categories of students who are required to comply with this requirement. The policy shall also provide that the

requirement may be satisfied by either the student's enrollment in UT SHIP or by the student presenting evidence of comparable PPACA health insurance from a source other than the University, following policy guidelines issued by the Chancellor.

- 2.3 Notification of Requirement. Catalog supplements will be published by the U. T. System institution defined by law as a Medical and Dental Unit regarding this requirement.

Sec. 3 Failure to comply with the policies described in Section 1 or Section 2 above shall be grounds for institutional disciplinary action against the student.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 42 United States Code Section 18001](#)

Texas Education Code [Section 51.952](#) – Student Health Insurance

Texas Education Code [Section 54.504](#) – Incidental Fees

Texas Education Code [Section 61.003\(5\)](#) – Medical and Dental Unit

[22 CFR Part 62](#) – Exchange Visitor Program

[45 CFR Parts 144 and 147](#) – Student Health Insurance Coverage

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 186, Student Health Insurance Requirements for International Students](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 194, Health Insurance Requirements for Students Enrolled in Medical and/or Dental Units](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
International students
Students enrolled at an institution defined by law as a Medical and Dental Unit

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Chancellor
Office of Business Affairs
Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Liability Insurance for Students

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Students Enrolled in Health Institutions and Medical Schools at Academic Institutions. All students enrolled in a health institution or a medical school at an academic institution of the U. T. System in a program that involves direct patient care activities shall be required to purchase professional liability insurance as a prerequisite to enrollment. The appropriate level of coverage shall be determined by the U. T. System Office of Risk Management. The requirement shall be included in each institution's catalog.
- Sec. 2 Students in Field Experience Courses. The institutions of the U. T. System may require students enrolled in field experience courses to show evidence of student liability insurance when enrolled in field experience courses, which utilize off-campus facilities, if such facilities require the insurance. The requirement shall be included in each institution's catalog.
- Sec. 3 Students in Allied Health and Nursing. Allied health and nursing students shall, prior to official registration, provide evidence of professional liability (malpractice) insurance coverage in a minimum amount determined by the president of the institution. Nursing students receiving stipends may be reimbursed for this fee through that source. The requirement shall be included in each institution's catalog.
- Sec. 4 Students in Pharmacy. All pharmacy students enrolling in fifth-year clinical and/or pharmacy internship courses shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance coverage paid for the duration of the course or courses as a prerequisite to enrollment. The effective date of the policy shall be on or before the first regular class period of the clinical and/or pharmacy internship course for which the student is enrolling. The requirement shall be included in each institution's catalog.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 54.504](#) – Incidental Fees

Texas Education Code [Section 55.16](#) – Board Responsibility

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

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Student Travel

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Establishment of Policies. Consistent with the requirements of *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.950](#), each institution of The University of Texas System shall adopt a policy governing student travel. Such a policy, at a minimum, shall comply with the guidelines below and become effective upon approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. Approved policies shall be published in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures* and catalogs and filed with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Sec. 2 Activities Governed. This Policy is applicable to student travel undertaken by one or more currently enrolled students to reach an activity or event that meets all of the following criteria:

2.1 The activity or event is organized and sponsored by the institution. An activity or event is considered to be organized and sponsored if it has been planned and funded by the institution and approved by an administrator designated by the institution.

2.2 The activity or event is located more than 25 miles from the institution; and

(a) Travel to the activity or event is funded and undertaken using a vehicle owned or leased by the institution; or

(b) Attendance at the activity or event is required by a registered student organization and approved in accordance with Section 3 of this Policy.

Sec. 3 Required Approval. Registered student organizations that require their members to travel 25 miles or more from the institution to attend an activity or event covered by this Policy must obtain prior written approval for the proposed travel by the institutional officer designated by the institution.

- Sec. 4 Required Provisions. The policy adopted by an institution shall incorporate the following provisions concerning safety and modes of travel likely to be used by students:
- 4.1 Seat Belts. Occupants of motor vehicles shall use seat belts or other approved safety restraint devices required by law or regulation at all times when the vehicle is in operation.
 - 4.2 Alcohol and Illegal Substances. Occupants of motor vehicles shall not consume, possess, or transport any alcoholic beverages or illegal substances.
 - 4.3 Passenger Capacity. The total number of passengers in any vehicle at any time it is in operation shall not exceed the manufacturer's recommended capacity or the number specified in applicable federal or State law or regulations, or applicable U. T. System policy, whichever is lower.
 - 4.4 License and Training. Each operator of a motor vehicle shall have a valid operator's license and be trained as required by law to drive the vehicle that will be used, and comply with applicable requirements of [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 157, Automobile Insurance Coverage for Officers and Employees and General Requirements for the Use of Vehicles.](#)
 - 4.5 Insurance, Inspection, and Safety Devices. Each motor vehicle must have a current proof of liability insurance card and State inspection certification, be equipped with all safety devices or equipment required by federal or State law or regulation, and comply with all other applicable requirements of federal or State law or regulations and any applicable U. T. System policy.
 - 4.6 Legal Operation. Operators of motor vehicles shall comply with all laws, regulations, and posted signs regarding speed and traffic control and shall not operate the vehicle for a continuous period that is longer than the maximum provided by guidelines promulgated by federal or State law or regulations or guidelines promulgated by the institution, whichever is lower, without scheduled rest stops or overnight stops.

- 4.7 Service and Maintenance. Each vehicle owned or leased by an institution must be subject to scheduled periodic service and maintenance by qualified persons and comply with all applicable requirements of any U. T. System policy.
- 4.8 Operators of Vehicle. All operators of vehicles owned or leased by an institution shall be employees of the institution and shall have a valid operator's license for the operation of the particular vehicle. In addition, operators of vehicles owned or leased by an institution shall only be operated by persons authorized to operate such vehicles in accordance with any U. T. System policy.
- 4.9 Rented Vehicles. Each institution shall adopt rules concerning the use of rental vehicles for travel covered by this Policy. The rules shall comply, where applicable, with the State contracts for rental cars and all applicable requirements of any U. T. System policy.
- 4.10 Common Carrier. When a common carrier is used for student travel covered by this policy, each institution shall take reasonable steps to assure the travel is undertaken in conformance with this Policy.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.950](#) – Policy Regulating Student Travel

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 157, Automobile Insurance Coverage for Officers and Employees and General Requirements for the Use of Vehicles](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Students
Student Organizations

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Visiting U. T. System Students Program

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Purpose. The visiting students program is designed to allow upper-level and graduate or professional students enrolled in an institution of The University of Texas System to take courses or engage in research at another institution within the System during a regular semester or summer session.
- Sec. 2 Qualifying Students. The U. T. System visiting students program is limited to upper-level students (students with more than 60 semester credit hours of degree-related college level work) and graduate or professional students.
- Sec. 3 Establishment of Requirements. Each U. T. System institution with degree programs will establish requirements for eligibility for participation such as a minimum grade point average and completion of a minimum number of semester credit hours at the home institution. The requirements may vary among programs at an institution.
- Sec. 4 Designation of Coordinators. Each institution will designate individuals to coordinate visiting student programs at home and host institutions. Coordinators will facilitate communication between the student and appropriate major advisors at both institutions. The advisor at the home institution will have final authority on courses, which may receive credit under the visitation program.
- Sec. 5 Coordinator Approval. A student's proposed visitation should clearly relate to the student's program and academic interest and be approved by the designated program coordinator (undergraduate or graduate/professional) at both the home institution and the proposed host institution.
- Sec. 6 Course Availability. Approval for a student's proposed visitation will be contingent on space and desired courses being readily available in the proposed visitation program and, for participation in a research laboratory, on approval of the director of the laboratory.

- Sec. 7 Home Institution. For continuity of financial aid, the visiting student should be registered at the home institution, with grades for any course taken at the cooperating host institution reported to the home institution.
- 7.1 Identification of Courses. The home institution will identify at the time of registration the course title/number under which the visitation course credit would be recorded.
- 7.2 Reporting of Grades. The designated visitation program coordinator at the host institution will report the student's grade(s) to the coordinator at the home institution at the end of each semester or summer session.
- 7.3 How Grade will be Used. The home institution will determine whether the grade earned at a host institution is to be treated as regular course credit for determining academic standing and grade point averages or as transfer credit.
- Sec. 8 Compliance with Rules. The visiting student will be subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution as well as the home institution.
- Sec. 9 Payment of Tuition and Fees. To maintain consistency and to assure the integrity of student financial aid requirements, charges for tuition and required fees (including course-specific fees and other required fees associated with enrollment at the host institution) are to be paid to the home institution. The host institution must provide the home institution with the list of fees to be charged and the home institution will transfer the amounts collected to the host institution.
- Sec. 10 Financial Assistance. A student awarded a fellowship, stipend, or other financial assistance by the home institution will be eligible to receive such assistance while visiting the host institution.
- 10.1 Approval of Financial Support. Acceptance of financial support from the visited institution will necessitate prior approval by the home institution.

10.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid. The usual eligibility requirements for financial aid at the home institution will apply to a visiting student.

Sec. 11 Regular Admission. The host institution for the period of the visitation will not regularly admit a visiting student and a student should not assume that he or she would be eligible for transfer to that institution.

11.1 Transfers. If a visiting student desires to transfer to the cooperating institution, the student must comply with the regular transfer admission requirements and procedures.

11.2 Length of Visitation. Normally, a visitation may last no longer than one long session semester or a long session semester and a summer session; otherwise, the student should apply for and be admitted to the cooperating institution.

Sec. 12 Notification of Program. Each institution shall include in the appropriate catalog(s) information, which describes the U. T. System visiting students program, specifies eligibility requirements, and identifies the designated visiting students program coordinator(s) at that institution.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

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

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Confidentiality and Security of Education Records Subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 At the direction of the Chancellor, The University of Texas System shall adopt a Systemwide policy to provide guidance to U. T. System institutions, as well as the offices within System Administration, on compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The purpose of the policy is to promote consistency and best practices throughout U. T. System with regard to FERPA compliance.
- Sec. 2 Each U. T. System institution and U. T. System Administration shall adopt a policy in accordance with the Systemwide policy described in Section 1 as part of its *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. The policies adopted by U. T. System institutions pursuant to this Rule must also comply with the model FERPA policy developed by the Office of General Counsel that incorporates best practices designed to ensure the confidentiality and security of Education Records.
- Sec. 3 Each U. T. System institution and U. T. System Administration shall adopt a process for the review of all proposed contracts to determine if the services will involve the outsourcing of, or any other access to or maintenance of, Education Records or Personally Identifiable Information from an Education Record by a third party contractor. All such contracts shall include terms that ensure that the contractor will employ FERPA privacy and security safeguards as to all of the institution's Education Records that the contractor or its subsequent subcontractors will maintain and/or access pursuant to the contract.

3. Definitions

Education Record – any record that is directly related to a Student and created and/or maintained by or for a U. T. System institution, as well as Personally Identifiable Information about a Student derived from an Education Record.

FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99.

Personally Identifiable Information – any information derived from an Education Record which can be used alone, or in combination with, other information known to a requestor or the university community, to identify a student. It includes, but is not limited to: the student's name; the name of the student's parent or other family members; the address of the student or student's family; a personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record.

Student – an individual, regardless of age, who is or who has been in attendance at a U. T. System institution.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\): 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g](#)

[34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 99](#) – Family Educational Rights and Privacy

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10101](#), Board Authority and Duties

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 20201](#), Presidents

[Model Family Educational Rights and Privacy \(FERPA\) Policy](#), Office of General Counsel

[Model Notice of Student Rights under FERPA and Notice Concerning Directory Information](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 183, Maintenance of Education Records Subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)

The University of Texas System [HOP 4.1.3, Confidentiality and Security of Education Records Subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty
Staff

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Acceptance and Administration of Gifts

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Authority to Accept Gifts and Develop Acceptance Procedures. The authority to accept gifts to The University of Texas System or to any of the institutions is vested in the Board of Regents and delegated by the Board as specifically set out in this Rule. Except as provided in this Rule or any other Rule in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, or approved institutional policies, no member of the staff of any institution has the authority to accept gifts.

Sec. 2 U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures. The Board delegates to the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services the authority and responsibility to promulgate a set of guidelines regarding the acceptance, processing, investment, and administration of gifts. These guidelines, known as [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 138, Gift Acceptance Procedures](#), shall be adhered to by the U. T. System and the institutions. In promulgating the [U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures](#), the delegate shall also consider provisions to:

- 2.1 accomplish the goal of increasing financial support for the U. T. System through the appropriate assistance of donors,
- 2.2 allow staff members to respond to donor initiatives quickly and with certainty,
- 2.3 establish administrative processes to accept and administer gifts in a prudent and efficient manner, with fiduciary responsibilities of fundamental importance,
- 2.4 comply with the Texas Constitution and applicable federal and State law,
- 2.5 comply with the provisions of the [Internal Revenue Code](#) and related regulations,

- 2.6 specifically incorporate provisions related to the acceptance of pledges for current purpose commitments to fund endowments, and in conjunction with a gift-related naming of a facility or program as follows:
- (a) for gifts and pledges to name a facility or program, a U. T. System approved gift agreement, which includes defined pledge payment terms, must be in place,
 - (b) prior to the creation of an endowment, at least 20% of the donors' total required minimum funding must be received and a U. T. System approved gift agreement, which contains defined pledge payment terms, must be in place, and
 - (c) the pledge payment duration for either endowed or non-endowed gifts shall not exceed five years. However, with the written approval of the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the pledge period may be longer than five years under special circumstances, and
- 2.7 provide that, in the interest of financial responsibility and efficiency, it is the specific preference of the Board that all endowment gifts be eligible for commingling for investment purposes with other endowment funds.

Sec. 3 Board Approval of Nonconforming Gifts. Recommendations regarding the acceptance of gifts or other actions that do not conform to all relevant policies, including but not limited to the [U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures](#), shall be made through the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services to the Board of Regents after review by appropriate offices of the terms of the gifts, the nature of the donated assets, and/or the requested action.

Sec. 4 Gifts of Art

- 4.1 Outdoor Works of Art. Approval by the Board is also required prior to the acceptance of a gift of an outdoor work of art. Considerations will include appropriateness with regard to the institution's Campus Master Plan and expense related to installation and/or continuing maintenance.
- 4.2 Gifts of Statuary Depicting Living Persons. No gift of statuary depicting a living person shall be accepted by an institution, unless intended for display in a museum or for addition to the collection of works of art for display in a museum. Authority to accept proposed museum gifts of statuary depicting living persons, intended for display indoors, is delegated to the presidents. Proposed gifts of statuary intended for outdoor display require approval under Section 4.1 above.

Sec. 5 Approval of Conforming Gifts. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor or the president of an institution, following prior review and approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the authority to accept conforming gifts, including pledges, other than gifts of real property, that are not processed or administered by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, and the authority to take any and all desirable actions relating to the administration and management of gifts accepted by the Chancellor or the president of the institution, as may be permitted by applicable law, policies, these Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, and the [U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures](#).

Sec. 6 Gifts Requiring Approval by Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. The Board of Regents delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs authority to accept all conforming gifts of real property of any value that are not processed or administered by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, and the authority to take any and all desirable actions relating to the administration and management of gifts accepted by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, as may be permitted by applicable law, policies, the [U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures](#), [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 161](#), [Environmental Review for Acquisition of Real](#)

[Property](#), and these Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, including [Rule 60103](#) concerning guidelines for acceptance of gifts of real property. Acceptance of all gifts of real property shall be subject to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60103](#) and [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 161, Environmental Review for Acquisition of Real Property](#).

Sec. 7 Gifts Requiring Approval by Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services. The Board of Regents delegates to the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services authority to accept all conforming gifts, including pledges, of any value (either in cash or in kind) that are processed or administered by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services. The Board also delegates to the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services authority to take any and all desirable actions relating to the administration and management of gifts accepted by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, including without limitation the modification or termination of trusts and endowments as may be permitted by applicable law, policies, these *Rules and Regulations*, and the [U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures](#).

7.1 Gifts Reviewed. The Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, with assistance from the Real Estate Office, the University Lands Office, and the Office of General Counsel as required, shall review all gift assets processed or administered by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services and certain gift assets that the Chancellor or president is authorized to accept. Gift assets requiring review include, but are not limited to, securities, interests in limited partnerships, stock of closely-held corporations, stock of S corporations, stock options, and warrants. The Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services shall also review all bequests, interests in trusts, gifts, and other funds to establish endowments and other planned gifts as defined in the [U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures](#).

- 7.2 Gifts to Establish Endowments. Endowments will be established with gifts that have been completed for tax purposes or with a combination of such gifts, pledges, and other funds at a minimum funding level of \$10,000.
- Sec. 8 Internal Revenue Service Forms. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, and the president of the institution the authority to execute all necessary Internal Revenue Service forms, including without limitation IRS Forms [8283](#) and [8282](#), that relate to gifts accepted by each.
- Sec. 9 Gift Benefiting an Individual. Neither the U. T. System nor any of the institutions will administer a gift for the benefit of any designated individual unless the donor is exempt from federal income taxes as defined by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
- Sec. 10 Service by Board as Estate Executor/Administrator. The Board of Regents will not serve as executor or administrator of an estate because of the potential for conflicts of interest and the scope of the required duties.
- Sec. 11 Prohibition to Act as Witness to Will. The employees of the U. T. System or any of the institutions should not knowingly act as witnesses to wills in which the U. T. System or an institution is named as a beneficiary so as not to jeopardize the receipt of the bequest.
- Sec. 12 Service by Employee as Executor/Administrator of Estate or Trustee of Trust. Employees of the U. T. System or any of the institutions who agree to serve as trustee of a trust, or executor or administrator of an estate benefiting the U. T. System or any of the institutions are immediately to notify the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services of their appointment. Upon notification, the employee will be furnished with a statement advising of the potential for conflicts of interest and directing that all communications pertaining to the trust or estate between the employee and any office of the U. T. System or the institutions shall be in writing.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

[Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended](#) (26 United States Code)

Texas Education Code [Section 65.36 \(f\) and \(g\)](#) – Donations for Professorships and Scholarships

[Texas Property Code, Chapter 163](#) – Management, Investment, and Expenditure of Institutional Funds

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60103](#) – Guidelines for Acceptance of Gifts of Real Property

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60202](#) – Endowed Academic Positions

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 161, *Environmental Review for Acquisition of Real Property*](#)

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 138, *Gift Acceptance Procedures*](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers
Development Officers
Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

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1. Title

Fees for Endowment Administration and Management and Enhancement of Philanthropy to Support University Missions

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Background. Each University of Texas institution is charged with raising private sector philanthropic contributions for the establishment of Endowments and other funds to fulfill the educational, research, and clinical missions and goals of the institution. Endowments are designated for student scholarships and fellowships, faculty and research support, and for programmatic purposes. Administration and management of the Endowments are the joint responsibility of the U. T. System Administration and each institution. They must devote adequate resources to assure appropriate accounting and use of Endowment funds. In addition, high-quality, effective compliance programs are of fundamental importance and represent an ongoing fiduciary responsibility of System Administration and each institution.

Philanthropy across U. T. institutions constitutes a critical revenue source to augment other income such as tuition and fees, sponsored research, and clinical revenue.

Sec. 2 Type and Amount of Mandatory Fees. As authorized by *Texas Education Code* [Section 65.37](#), the Board of Regents assesses the following fees from Endowments for endowment administration, management and compliance, and the enhancement of philanthropy. Investment-related expenses are not covered under this Rule, but are covered by the Investment Management Services Agreement between the U. T. System Board of Regents and The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO).

2.1 Institutional Endowment Fee. The Board of Regents assesses an endowment fee of 0.80% (80 basis points) of the market value of the Long Term Fund's (LTF's) net asset value of an institution's Endowments to be disbursed to each institution. Such endowment fee shall be used by each institution to ensure endowment administration and compliance; to provide more adequate funding for development operations at the institution; and to substantially increase philanthropic revenue to support

the education, research, and clinical missions and goals of the institution.

All new Endowments created after September 1, 2022, will be assessed the Institutional Endowment Fee.

Only Endowments that were previously exempted from the Institutional Endowment Fee (formerly the “development allocation”) prior to August 31, 2022, are grandfathered.

Donors with cumulative Endowments with a market value in excess of \$50 million at one institution may request an exception from the institutional president to allow their Endowments to be assessed the Institutional Endowment Fee at 20 basis points at that institution once the cumulative market value of the Endowment exceeds \$50 million.

- 2.2 Administration and Management Fee. The Board of Regents assesses an administrative fee of an amount up to 0.03% (3 basis points) of the market value of the LTF’s net asset value to be disbursed to U. T. System Administration for the support of Systemwide administration of the LTF and management efforts in the provision of direct service and support to the institutions. The amount of the fee assessed will be the amount needed to cover related operational costs approved by the Board of Regents in the annual budgeting process, up to the authorized amount.
- 2.3 System Administrative and Endowment Fee. The Board of Regents assesses an administrative fee of an amount up to 0.20% (20 basis points) of the market value of the LTF’s net asset value of only U. T. System Administration’s restricted Endowments (not institutional Endowments) to be disbursed to U. T. System Administration to ensure appropriate administration and management as well as compliance with the agreements made with Endowment donors. The amount of the fee assessed will be the amount needed to cover related operational costs approved by the Board of Regents in the annual budgeting process, up to the authorized amount.

Sec. 3 Program Details. Operational details, including UTIMCO's processing of distributions related to these fee assessments, are to be determined by the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, in consultation with UTIMCO. Funds resulting from the fee assessments are to be distributed annually based on the prior 12-quarter average of the market value of the LTF Endowments on May 31 of each fiscal year.

3. Definitions

Endowment – funds that typically have certain donor-imposed restrictions placed upon the principal and/or the funds available for distribution (e.g., income and/or gains).

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.37](#) – Funds Received for Trust Services

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 138, Gift Acceptance Procedures](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services
Audit Office

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Guidelines for Acceptance of Gifts of Real Property

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. To provide guidelines for accepting and valuing leasehold interests, campus properties, and bequests of surface and mineral estates in real property.

Sec. 2 Applicability of Guidelines. These guidelines apply to all gifts of surface and mineral estates in real property regardless of type, location, or designated use of the funds to be derived there from. In the absence of guidelines or policies relating to such gifts designated for campus use, these policy guidelines shall apply. The Board of Regents recognizes that the full implementation of these guidelines with respect to surface and mineral estates in real property donated or bequeathed to The University of Texas System or any of the institutions may not be achievable in all cases. U. T. System Administration's Real Estate Office and the University Lands Office will evaluate gifts of surface and mineral estates in real property and apply these guidelines to the extent reasonably practicable and in the best interest of the System.

Sec. 3 Acceptance of Surface Estates. The following procedures are to be followed for the acceptance of gifts of surface estates.

3.1 Notification of the Real Estate Office. The institution (for current purpose gifts) or System Administration's Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services (for planned or endowment gifts) will notify the Real Estate Office upon identification of a potential gift of real property.

3.2 Information to be submitted to the Real Estate Office. The institution or Real Estate Office will request that the donor provide as much of the following information as possible to allow the Real Estate Office to evaluate the proposed gift. If not paid by the donor, the benefited institution shall pay all costs incurred by the Real Estate Office to evaluate the gift or protect System's interests with respect to the gift, including title policy premiums. The Board of Regents strongly encourages the acquisition of a title policy at the time the property is

acquired whether the policy premium is paid with funds provided by the donor or the institution.

(a) Fee interests in surface estates

- Map showing location of property
- Legal description of property
- Proof of ownership (deed)
- Survey of subject property and improvement (Category 1A survey preferred)
- List of improvements
- Copies of current leases, if any
- Current title commitment and copies of all title exceptions, including deed restrictions or covenants and liens
- Copy of the donor's title policy, if any
- List of current expenses required to maintain/operate the property
- Proof of payment of taxes and association fees, if any
- Recent appraisal or other acceptable valuation
- Copies of documents relating to past or current litigation directly affecting the real estate
- A written statement from the donor identifying any known waste disposal sites or contamination or spills of hazardous or other regulated materials on the property, or a statement to the contrary, and assuring compliance with [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 161, *Environmental Review for Acquisition of Real Property*](#)

- Written statement from the donor outlining purpose of the gift
- Permission for access to the property to conduct on-site inspections
- Such other information as may be requested by System Administration's Office of General Counsel, Real Estate Office, or Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services

(b) Leased fee interests in surface estates

- Copies of fully executed leases and lease amendments
- Items listed in (a) above
- History of all lease payments
- Estoppel certificates
- Insurance policy and certificates.

- 3.3 Sale of a Surface Estate. The Real Estate Office will generally request that the surface estate received from an estate or trust be sold rather than distributed to the University. The sale price shall be based upon a fair market value appraisal or other generally accepted industry standard for valuing the property. The Real Estate Office shall provide assistance to facilitate the sale of the surface estate, when appropriate. If the surface estate is not sold within a reasonable period of time, the Real Estate Office will evaluate the surface estate to determine whether the gift will be accepted or rejected.
- 3.4 Evaluation of Qualified Gifts. The Real Estate Office will evaluate and inspect a proposed gift of surface estate. Only qualified gifts of surface estates will be recommended for further review and evaluation.
- 3.5 Unencumbered Surface Estate. The Real Estate Office generally will not recommend acceptance of a qualified

gift of an unencumbered surface estate unless there is a clear benefit to the U. T. System or any of the institutions and all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Adequate provisions are made by the donor or the institution for the expense of management until disposition. The donor should be encouraged to contribute funds for the management of the property until disposition occurs. Any unreimbursed costs of management or sale of the property will be charged either against income from the property or proceeds from the sale of the property.
- (b) The gift is of a 100% interest in the property.
- (c) There are no undue limitations on the System's ability to own, manage, and dispose of the property.

3.6 Encumbered Surface Estate. The Real Estate Office generally will not recommend acceptance of a qualified gift of a surface estate that is mortgaged or encumbered unless there is a clear benefit to the U. T. System or any of the institutions and all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The donor donates funds or makes other appropriate arrangements to meet all debt requirements.
- (b) Adequate provisions are made by the donor or the institution for the expense of management until disposition. The donor should be encouraged to contribute funds for the management of the property until disposition occurs. Any un-reimbursed costs of management or sale of the property will be charged either against income from the property or proceeds from the sale of the property.
- (c) The gift is of a 100% interest in the property.
- (d) There are no undue limitations on the System's ability to own, manage, and dispose of the property.

3.7 Environmental Assessment. An environmental assessment of the gift must be completed in accordance with the "[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy](#)

[UTS 161, *Environmental Review for Acquisition of Real Property*.](#)

- 3.8 Evaluation Criteria. The Real Estate Office will consider all criteria for acceptance outlined in this policy and information gathered with respect to the property in determining whether to recommend acceptance of a qualified gift of real property. To demonstrate a clear benefit to the System, the Real Estate Office will evaluate the return expected from a qualified gift of a surface estate based on, but not limited to, such factors as income potential, development characteristics, type of property interest, holding costs, management requirements, holding period, location, potential environmental liabilities, encumbrances, and any other potential liabilities or risks associated with the asset.
- 3.9 Gift Acceptance. The Real Estate Office will make a recommendation to the Responsible Officer or the Board who will accept or reject the gift.
- 3.10 Title. Title to each property shall be held in the name of the Board, and not in the name of any institution, department, or individual. The Real Estate Office will ensure that all deeds for gifts of surface estates are recorded in the county where the property is located and will retain the original deed in its permanent records.
- 3.11 Valuation. The preferred method of valuation for the purpose of determining gift value, sale price, or lease rates for a surface estate shall be an appraisal prepared by an independent State-certified or other licensed appraiser.
 - (a) The value of a surface estate less than \$50,000 may be determined by solicitation of offers or by any other generally accepted industry standards including tax assessments.
 - (b) An appraisal is not required when a surface estate is sold at public auction or by use of sealed bids.

- Sec. 4 Acceptance of Mineral Estates. The following procedures are to be followed for the acceptance of gifts of surface estates:

- 4.1 Notification of the University Lands Office. The institution (for current purpose gifts) or Office of Development and Gift Planning Services (for planned or endowment gifts) will notify the University Lands Office upon identification of a potential gift of a mineral estate. The University Lands Office will evaluate the mineral estate and determine whether the asset should be accepted or rejected by the System or in the case of a testamentary transfer or trust whether to request that the interest be sold. The University Lands Office will provide assistance to facilitate the conveyance or sale of the mineral assets.
- 4.2 Information to be submitted to the University Lands Office. The institution or the University Lands Office will request that the donor provide as much of the following information as possible to allow the University Lands Office to evaluate the proposed gift. If not paid by the donor, the benefited institution shall pay all costs incurred by the University Lands Office to evaluate the gift or to protect the U. T. System's interests with respect to the gift.
 - (a) Map, plat, or survey of the property
 - (b) Legal description of the property
 - (c) Proof of ownership (deed or assignment)
 - (d) Copies of current oil and gas leases, if any
 - (e) Copies of division orders, if any
 - (f) Copies of other relevant documents, such as unit agreements and operating agreements
 - (g) List of encumbrances including any liens and copies of the corresponding documentation
 - (h) Abstracts of title or title opinions
 - (i) Geological or geophysical records
 - (j) Lease ratifications and lease assignments
 - (k) Copies of appraisals or reserve studies

- (l) Copies of documents relating to past or present litigation directly affecting the property
 - (m) Copies of insurance coverage carried by the well operator relative to environmental damage.
- 4.3 Sale of a Mineral Estate. The University Lands Office will generally request that the mineral estate received from an estate or trust be conveyed. However, if the sale of the minerals is appropriate, the sale price shall be based upon a fair market value appraisal or other generally accepted industry standard for valuing the property. The University Lands Office shall provide assistance to facilitate the sale of the mineral estate, when appropriate. If the mineral estate is not sold within a reasonable period of time, the University Lands Office will evaluate the mineral estate to determine whether the gift will be accepted or disclaimed.
- 4.4 Evaluation of Mineral Estates. The University Lands Office will evaluate a proposed gift of mineral estate. Only qualified gifts of mineral estates will be recommended for further review and evaluation.
- 4.5 Evaluation Criteria. The University Lands Office will consider all of the criteria for acceptance outlined in this policy and information gathered with respect to the minerals in determining whether to recommend acceptance of a qualified gift of a mineral estate.
- 4.6 Gift Acceptance. The University Lands Office will make a recommendation to the Responsible Officer or the Board who will accept or reject the gift.
- 4.7 Title. Title to each mineral estate shall be held in the name of the Board and not in the name of any institution, department, or individual. The University Lands Office will ensure that all deeds for gifts of mineral estates are recorded in the county where the mineral estate is located and will retain the original deed in its permanent records.

- 4.8 Valuation of a Mineral Estate. The preferred method of valuation for the purpose of determining value for a mineral estate shall be at the discretion of the University Lands Office, but shall always be by generally accepted industry standards.

3. Definitions

Gift – conveyances and testamentary transfers, as well as trust distributions to the U. T. System.

Real Property – individually and collectively the surface and mineral estate.

Surface Estate – any interest in the surface of real property, including fee and leased fee interests, together with all appurtenances and improvements attached thereto, and all property interests that do not constitute the mineral estate.

Mineral Estate – mineral rights of gas, oil and minerals, whether joined to or severed from the surface estate and the associated rights as properly conveyed to the U. T. System or any of the institutions. An overriding royalty interest that is not subject to any costs shall also be a "mineral estate."

Responsible Officer – the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs or his/her designee (for current purpose gifts) or the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services or his/her designee (for endowments and other planned gifts) and is responsible, based on the recommendations of the Real Estate Office and the University Lands Office, for the initiation and completion of the formal acceptance of the gift via administrative approval, the Consent Agenda, or the Agenda, as appropriate.

Qualified Gift of a Surface Estate – any interest that will net more than \$25,000 upon sale or a property for which there is an effective direct use by an institution.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 138, *Gift Acceptance Procedures*](#)

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 161, *Environmental Review for Acquisition of Real Property*](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers
Development Officers
Environmental Health and Safety Directors/Professionals
Physical Plant Directors

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs
Real Estate Office

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Administration of Fellowships, Scholarships, and Loan Funds

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Administration of Scholarships and Fellowships. In the case of scholarships and fellowships, the appropriate committee, or designated individual, receives applications, makes the necessary inquiries, and determines the award. The committee or designated individual advises the institutional head of the award who, in turn, approves and forwards the notice of award to the business office. Payments on scholarships and fellowships are made through the business office of the institution.

Sec. 2 Administration of Loan Funds. In the case of loan funds, the awarding committee or designated individual receives applications for loans, makes the necessary inquiries, and approves or declines the original loan as well as all renewals and extensions. The chairman of the awarding committee or the designated individual notifies the business office of the granting of loans, and all records including notes, cash, accounts, and collections are thereafter handled by that office. The principal of loan funds is kept intact insofar as possible. The chairman of the awarding committee or the designated individual may be requested by the business office to assist in collection of past due interest or principal.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Endowed Academic Positions, Endowed Student Support, and Other Endowments

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose of Endowed Academic Positions, Endowed Student Support, and Other Endowments. Endowments are central to the continued growth and excellence of individual institutions and the education and success of students throughout the U. T. System. Faculty holders of Endowed Academic Positions shall have a distinguished record of excellence (Chairs/Professorships) or demonstrated accomplishment or future promise in the intellectual field (Faculty Fellowships). Holders of Endowed Academic Positions shall contribute substantially to the mission and goals of individual institutions. Holders of Endowed Academic Positions are stewards of the Endowments and are subject to periodic evaluation to ensure satisfactory performance. Recipients of Endowed Student Support shall be selected based on need or merit-based criteria in line with donor intent and applicable policy and law.

Sec. 2 Approval Prior to Announcement. Negotiations and fund raising for an Endowment are permitted prior to its formal approval and establishment by the Board or its designee(s). However, an Endowment may not be announced as having been established prior to its establishment by the Board or its designee(s). All initial or new holder appointments to a Chair or Professorship require prior approval by the Chancellor. Under special circumstances and when authorized by the Chancellor, an institution may grant an Endowed Professorship to an outstanding faculty member prior to achieving full professor status. The Chancellor may delegate authority for approval to the appropriate institution president or Executive Vice Chancellor.

Sec. 3 Reporting and Compliance. Each institution should report annually to the Chancellor on appointments to Endowed Academic Positions. The U. T. System Office of External Relations, Communications, and Advancement Services, in coordination with the institutions, conducts an annual endowment compliance program assessing expenditures, usage of funds, and adherence to donor intent.

Sec. 4 Categories and Minimum Funding Levels.

- 4.1 Endowed Academic Positions. The categories of endowed and named academic positions and the minimum funding levels to establish the positions are:

Distinguished Chair	(\$3 million)
Chair	(\$2 million)
Distinguished Professorship	(\$1 million)
Professorship	(\$500,000)
Faculty Fellowship	(\$250,000)

- 4.2 Endowed Student Support includes:

Graduate Fellowship	(\$50,000)
Scholarships	(\$25,000)

- 4.3 Other Endowments. Other miscellaneous Endowments may be established to provide support for items such as, but not limited to research, programming, student experiences, facilities, and additional needs of the institutions.

Other Endowments will be established with gifts that have been completed for tax purposes or with a combination of such gifts, pledges, and other funds at a minimum funding level of \$25,000.

- 4.4 Individual institutions are not required to utilize all categories of Endowments and may, with advance administrative approval and inclusion in the institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures, focus institutional endowment activity to those categories that best fit the institution's mission and goals.
- 4.5 Whether funding has attained the minimum level necessary to establish a particular category of Endowment will be determined by the total value of gifts from donors and transfers of funds valued as of the gift date or date of transfer. Funding levels may not be determined by the amount of net sale proceeds received from a non-cash gift or by the current market value of the investments held in an Endowment.

- Sec. 5 Distributions for Endowed Chairs and Professorships. The institution will set the salary of the holder at a level commensurate with his or her record, experience, and position in the faculty. Subject to donor criteria, distributions from the Endowment may be used for a reasonable amount of salary support as determined by institutional policy, for salary supplementation, and for other professional support of the holder of the Endowed Chair/Professorship, including assistance in the holder's research program. An institution may, with advance administrative approval and inclusion in the institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures, utilize a minimal portion of the distribution to support costs associated with administering the Endowment (only if not already receiving endowment administration funding from other sources) and/or for strategic priorities, according to the purpose of the Endowment. Chairs/Professorships are intended to have holders. However, unfilled Chairs/Professorships may be used to support faculty fellows, according to the purpose of the Endowment. Faculty may also be appointed as a fellow supported by funds available from a filled Endowed Chair/Professorship.
- Sec. 6 Distributions for Endowed Faculty Fellowships. Distributions from an Endowment may be used for reasonable salary support, salary supplementation, and/or other professional support of the holder of the fellowship, who may be a qualified person of any academic rank irrespective of tenure status. The Endowed Faculty Fellowship may also be used to provide temporary support (not to exceed one academic year) of:
- distinguished scholars who are in temporary residence at the institution while participating in planned academic programs;
 - visiting scholars who are in temporary residence at the institution for special academic programs or purposes;
 - institution faculty who have made unique contributions to academic life or the knowledge in their academic discipline; and
 - institution faculty of any academic rank, irrespective of tenure status, who have been selected for teaching excellence.
- Sec. 7 Evaluation of Holders of All Endowed Academic Positions, including Faculty Fellowships. Individual institutions shall, with advance administrative approval and inclusion in the institutional

Handbook of Operating Procedures, establish procedures for the review of holders of Endowed Academic Positions. Such review shall normally occur in conjunction with existing performance appraisal processes, such as annual evaluation (for Faculty Fellowships) and comprehensive periodic review (for Chairs/Professorships).

- Sec. 8 Oversight of Endowments Supporting Faculty Positions. Each president is responsible for maintaining oversight of Endowments established to support faculty positions, including assignment of holders and use of distributions, but may delegate this authority.

3. Definitions

Endowment – funds that typically have certain donor-imposed restrictions placed upon the principal and/or the funds available for distribution (e.g., income and/or gains).

Endowed Academic Position – Distinguished Chair, Chair, Distinguished Professorship, Professorship, or Faculty Fellowship.

Endowed Chair/Professorship – a faculty position supported by an Endowment from which distributions are dedicated to reasonable salary support (as determined by institutional policy), salary supplementation, research support, and/or other professional support of a faculty member, subject to donor criteria. The holder will normally be a faculty member who has had a distinguished career. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the holder will be named to an Endowed Chair/Professorship for a specified length of time. The Chair/Professorship may be renewable or non-renewable.

Endowed Faculty Fellowship – a faculty position supported by an Endowment from which distributions are dedicated to reasonable salary support (as determined by institutional policy), salary supplementation, research support, and/or other professional support of a faculty member of any academic rank, subject to donor criteria. The holder will normally be a faculty member who exhibits demonstrated accomplishment or future promise in the intellectual field. The Endowed Faculty Fellowship will be awarded for a specified length of time. The Fellowship may be renewable or non-renewable.

Endowed Student Support - an endowed fund with a purpose primarily to support student success including through student scholarships.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs
Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Development Board of an Institution

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Authorization. With the approval of the president of an institution, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents, each institution may have a development board dedicated to its own unique interests.
- Sec. 2 Purpose. An institution's development board shall serve an institution of the U. T. System by assisting in the development plans and programs of the institution with an emphasis on increasing private support.
- Sec. 3 Composition. Unless otherwise excepted, the institution's development board shall consist of members recommended and appointed by the president of the institution. Presidents of institutions shall adopt guidelines for the appointment of the members of the institution's development board. The guidelines shall make clear each individual's term of office and the expectations and responsibilities of membership. Consideration shall be directed to appropriate balance in board membership, including gender, ethnicity, range of experience, geographical distribution, and the special needs of the institution and the development board. All terms shall officially begin on September 1. The president of the institution shall be an *ex officio* member with voting privileges.
- Sec. 4 Governance and Bylaws. Consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, the president of each institution shall be responsible for and have authority over the institution's development board. The institution's president may appoint from the development board's membership a chair and such other officers as appropriate or may choose to allow the membership to elect such officers.
- 4.1 Model Bylaws. Subject to the approval of the president of the institution, each development board shall adopt bylaws for its internal governance that are consistent with this Rule and that substantially comply with model bylaws developed by the Office of General Counsel.

- Sec. 5 Reporting Rosters and Expenses. Institutions shall annually forward an accurate roster of the development board membership to the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services on a designated date. In addition, each institution shall maintain specifically identifiable accounts that document any development board related revenues and expenses out of the president's office or other offices that support development board activities. These accounts must be identifiable in an institution's annual operating budget.
- Sec. 6 Role of Internal Foundations. As used in this Rule, the term "internal foundation" means an entity created by resolution of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for certain development purposes. An internal foundation is part of the organizational structure of either a development board or an advisory council and functions as an administrative and accounting mechanism that is employed to approach prospective donors. Internal foundations are not encouraged and shall not be established or maintained except with the approval of the president of the institution, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 7 Private Development Campaigns.
- 7.1 Comprehensive Campaigns. All broad-scale, institution-wide campaigns must be reviewed and approved by the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor before campaign plans, or any activity, including a silent phase of a campaign, are implemented and consultants retained.
- 7.2 Special Purpose Campaigns. From time to time, special purpose campaigns for campus-specific objectives (for example, a significant scholarship fund or faculty endowment program) may be conducted without approval by the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services and the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. However, special purpose campaigns regarding prominent buildings and programs as identified in [Rule 80307](#) must be approved as set out in Section 7.1 above.

- Sec. 8 Ex-Students' Associations. Notwithstanding the provisions hereof conferring authority upon and placing responsibility with the Chancellor for fund development and fund raising, it is understood that ex-students' associations of the U. T. System institutions may engage in fund raising for their own support through dues and payments for memberships, both annual and life. However, it is expected that no such ex-students' association will sponsor or participate in any other organized fund raising effort without first consulting with and gaining the approval of the president of the institution.
- Sec. 9 Development Activity Reporting. Each institution shall participate annually in the Voluntary Support of Education (VSE) survey administered by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and submit the resulting report to the institution's president and the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60302](#) – Advisory Councils of an Institution

Office of General Counsel – [Model Bylaws for a Development Board](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Advisory Councils of an Institution

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Authorization. With the approval of the president of an institution, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents, any school, college, or other comparable teaching or research unit may have an advisory council dedicated to its own unique interests. An advisory council for any subdivision or small unit such as a department or unit within a college or school requires specific approval of the president.
- Sec. 2 Purpose. An advisory council shall promote and support, including assistance in increasing private support, a particular school, college, or other comparable teaching or research unit with which the advisory council is affiliated in a manner determined by the dean or the director of the school, college, or research unit subject to the approval of the institution's president.
- Sec. 3 Composition. An advisory council shall consist of members recommended by the dean or director of the school, college, or other approved unit and appointed by the president of the institution. Presidents shall, in consultation with the dean or director of the school, college, or other approved unit, adopt guidelines for the appointment of the members of the institution's advisory council(s). The guidelines shall make clear each individual's term of office and the expectations and responsibilities of membership. Consideration shall be directed to appropriate balance in advisory council membership, including gender, ethnicity, years of involvement or experience with the college, school, or unit, geographical distribution, and the special needs of the school, college, or unit and the advisory council. All terms shall officially begin on September 1. A dean or director shall be an *ex officio* member with voting privileges on the advisory council that serves the school, college or unit's advisory council he or she administers. The president of the institution shall be an *ex officio* member with voting privileges of all the institution's advisory councils.

- Sec. 4 Governance and Bylaws. Consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, the president of each institution shall be responsible for and have authority over the institution's advisory council. An advisory council will elect a chair and such other officers as are appropriate from among its membership.
- Sec. 5 Budget. Each institution shall maintain specifically identifiable accounts that document any advisory council related revenues and expenses out of the dean's office or other offices that support advisory council activities. These accounts must be identifiable in an institution's annual operating budget. An advisory council's budget shall be determined and approved through established budget procedures.
- Sec. 6 Role of Internal Foundations. As used in this Rule, the term "internal foundation" means an internal development entity created by resolution of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for certain development purposes. An internal foundation is part of an organizational structure of either a development board or an advisory council and functions as an administrative and accounting mechanism that is employed to approach prospective donors. Internal foundations are not encouraged and shall not be established or maintained except with the approval of the president of the institution, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, and the Board of Regents.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60301](#) – Development Board of an Institution

Office of General Counsel – [Model Bylaws for an Advisory Council](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Internal Nonprofit Corporations

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Management. An internal corporation is managed pursuant to its charter and bylaws and in accordance with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*.

Sec. 2 List of Corporations. The following internal corporation is presently authorized:

Internal Corporation	Date Established
The University of Texas System Medical Foundation	10/5/73

3. Definitions

Internal Corporation – As used in this Chapter, the term "internal corporation" means a nonprofit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Texas under the Charter of which

(1) the Board of Regents:

- (a) acts as the Board of Directors or has the authority to appoint or to approve or reject the appointment of the Board of Directors; and
- (b) has the authority to approve amendments to the charter and bylaws.

(2) the funds of which are deposited and accounted for in appropriate University accounts.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

External Nonprofit Corporations

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Acceptance of Gifts or Bequests. The Board of Regents recognizes that there are legally incorporated nonprofit organizations (most having the word "foundation" in their charter) whose sole purpose is to benefit The University of Texas System, the institutions, or teaching, research, and other activities within those institutions. These organizations are administered by boards of directors independent from the control and supervision of the Board of Regents. Gifts or bequests from any such external organization to the University must be accepted and approved under gift acceptance policies.

Sec. 2 University-Affiliated Foundations. The relationship between the U. T. System and U. T. System institutions and nonprofit organizations classified as University-Affiliated Foundations are defined in Regents' [Rule 60305](#).

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60101](#), Acceptance and Administration of Gifts

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60305](#), University-Affiliated Foundations

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60306](#), Use of University Resources

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers

Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services

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1. Title

University-Affiliated Foundations

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Importance and Mission Alignment. The independence and diversity of the U. T. System's university-affiliated foundations is a great strength, one that uniquely reflects and serves the System's mission and community with great impact. As a public entity entrusted with both private and public funds, the U. T. System's governing board has a responsibility to ensure that the development, management, and expenditure of resources that support U. T. System institutions are done in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws, and that the focus of university fundraising efforts by university personnel remain on funds to be administered by the university. The U. T. System also shares with its institutions and the affiliated foundations a special obligation to maintain the public's trust.

Each U. T. System institution and its university-affiliated foundations should assess, develop, and promote alignment between the university-affiliated foundation's and the institution's missions.

1.1 Memorandum of Understanding. Each U. T. System institution should engage its affiliated foundations in a process to review or develop a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#). The process should principally involve the institution and the affiliated foundation, including the chief executive of the university, the chief executive officer of the affiliated foundation, and the chair of the foundation board. Representatives of the U. T. System's Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, Office of Academic Affairs or Office of Health Affairs, Office of General Counsel, and Office of the Board of Regents and the affiliated foundation's legal counsel should be engaged as necessary throughout the process.

The resulting proposed MOU should substantially comply with a model MOU developed with broad and appropriate input from U. T. System institutions and university-affiliated foundations and approved by the Board of

Regents. The MOU should also include the provisions listed in Section 1.2 below.

The MOU process should culminate in a formal adoption of the MOU between the System or the institution and respective affiliated foundation executed by the institutional President or the Chancellor after approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

- 1.2 MOU Provisions. The MOU should include provisions that:
- (a) Summarize the overall relationship between the foundation and the university and how the foundation's assets, functions, gift administration, or grant-making serve the university's mission.
 - (b) Establish the President, or the President's designee, as the primary institutional staff contact for the university-affiliated foundation; the institution's Chief Financial Officer, or the Chief Financial Officer's designee, as the primary financial contact for the university-affiliated foundation; and the institutional Chief Development Officer, or the Chief Development Officer's designee, as the primary fundraising contact for the university-affiliated foundation.
 - (c) Define the foundation's role in fundraising, if any, and delineate, as appropriate, the respective oversight responsibilities of foundation and institutional personnel with regard to prospect management, gift acceptance and receipting, and stewardship. The primary focus of fundraising efforts by university-compensated personnel, including development professionals, deans, and faculty, should remain on funds given directly to the university and administered by the university. The exclusive focus of any fundraising efforts by university-compensated personnel to benefit an external entity must be for funds to directly benefit the university.

- (d) Identify specific services provided by the foundation, which might include fundraising, gift acceptance and advancement services, records and data management, investment services, real estate projects, or other activities in support of institutional functions and priorities, and any payments or consideration provided to the foundation in exchange for such services (precise fees or payments may be documented in separate agreements).
- (e) Describe any institutional resources provided for the use of the foundation. Resources might include budget allocations, staff support, office space, and technology. Recovery of costs associated with providing such resources should be at the same rates charged to university departments. Further, the institutions and university-affiliated foundations should use separate computers and computer systems to avoid the intermingling of data and information. If a database is shared for purposes of maximizing efficiency, accuracy of data, and prospect management, the rationale for sharing a database should be documented and approved in accordance with applicable policies of the Board of Regents (see Regents' [Rule 10501](#)), and appropriate steps should be taken and documented to protect the interests of both the U. T. System institution and the university-affiliated foundation, for example, by implementing separate gift-processing modules. (Because funding and fee structures may vary from year to year, the MOU may reference separate support or service agreements or disclosures.)
- (f) Identify a process to phase out any employment arrangements currently in place between any institution and its affiliated foundation whereby an institution and foundation share staff. Where extraordinary circumstances exist requiring the continuation of any such arrangement, establish terms under which foundation functions and operations may be staffed by university employees, including a description of reporting relationships and the role played by foundation staff or board

members in hiring decisions, performance evaluation, and compensation decisions. Consistent with the guidance found in the Attorney General Opinion No. [MW-373](#) (1981), U. T. System institutions lack the authority to place foundation employees on payroll or to provide them benefits reserved for state employees. (Because funding and fee structures may vary from year to year, the MOU may reference separate support or service agreements or disclosures.)

- (g) Describe records, including alumni and donor records, owned either by the institution or foundation and policies governing the use and sharing of such records, including public access under the [Texas Public Information Act](#). The MOU should also include language related to the privacy of student information subject to the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA) and include procedures for providing and safeguarding any student information in full compliance with FERPA.
- (h) Define reciprocal responsibilities and mutual expectations regarding the frequency, content, and method of reporting between the university-affiliated foundation and its supported institution. This should include a requirement for an independent annual audit of the foundation and a requirement that the audit report be provided to the supported institution.
- (i) Describe the terms, process, and frequency by which foundation funds or grants will be provided to the university, including discretionary funds or funds intended to fund the compensation or benefits of university employees (not including transfers of funds for endowed faculty or administrative positions). This should also include requisition guidelines, annual guidelines for seeking foundation funds or support for the purchase of tickets to attend or sponsor third-party or institutional annual dinners, galas, auctions, or other donor-related functions, and provisions for the reimbursement to university employees for expenses incurred on behalf of the foundation.

- (j) Define terms for the foundation's use of the university's name, service marks, branding, and other proprietary university property, consistent with Board of Regents' policy. (See [U. T. System Trademark Licensing Policy](#)).
 - (k) Include statements regarding (a) practices to identify and appropriately manage potential conflicts of interests involving institutional staff, foundation staff, and foundation board members, and (b) practices to prevent the payment or accrual of impermissible benefits to university or university-affiliated foundation employees, directors, or officers. This should include a prohibition of the gift or loan of university-affiliated foundation property, services, funds, credit, or assets to university employees, families, or their representatives, except under circumstances whereby a specific program or strategy has received prior written approval by the Board of Regents.
 - (l) Include information regarding gift or management fees assessed by the foundation.
 - (m) Clearly define the extent of any liability arising out of the relationship.
 - (n) Establish guidelines and the conditions under which the MOU may be terminated by the institution or foundation and outline a process for the orderly separation of an institution from a foundation and/or a foundation from an institution as well as the distribution of foundation assets consistent with its articles of incorporation and bylaws.
- 1.3 Periodic Assessment. Institutions and affiliated foundations should engage in periodic assessment of the role of the university-affiliated foundation and its relationship with its supported institution by revisiting the MOU process periodically.
- 1.4 Use of Name or Logo. Execution of an MOU is required for the continued approval for the use of the name or logo of any entity within the U. T. System by a university-affiliated foundation.

- Sec. 2 Transparency. Institutions and their affiliated foundation(s) should work together to implement practices that increase transparency, openness, and disclosure to the supported institution and the public.
- 2.1 Each institution and its university-affiliated foundations should provide for the sharing, consistent with applicable laws and donor privacy, of financial information, audits, annual IRS filings, and other records with each other and outside parties.
- 2.2 Each institution and its university-affiliated foundations should work together to adopt a transparency statement oriented specifically to donors, alumni, and outside parties that
- (a) clarifies the relationship between the institution and the university-affiliated foundation;
 - (b) explains the role that the private foundation plays in the university setting;
 - (c) lists each foundation's leadership, budget, and assets; and
 - (d) explains the difference between making a gift to the U. T. System, a U. T. institution, or the university-affiliated foundation.
- 2.3 Each institution and its university-affiliated foundations should adopt practices to assure the university is aware of foundation policies regarding gift or administrative fees, including the disclosure to donors or potential donors of any and all fees for endowment or non-endowment gifts, pledges, or bequests.
- 2.4 Each institution and its university-affiliated foundations should establish a practice to assure routine reports to donors.
- 2.5 Each institution should identify all affiliated foundations on its website, clearly noting their status as separate from the supported institution. Similarly, each university-affiliated foundation should have a well-developed

website that provides public access to information about the foundation's mission, a list of foundation employees and board members, and clear contact information for the foundation.

Sec. 3 Governance. Each institution and university-affiliated foundation should:

- (a) Ensure that the work of the foundation is aligned with the strategic priorities of the supported university.
- (b) Collaborate to establish strong periodic orientation programs to educate new university officials and all new foundation board members about the foundation's mission, legal requirements, and fiduciary duties.

Sec. 4 Foundation Policies. University-affiliated foundations should adopt policies that are transparent, reflect best practices, and mitigate even the appearance of impropriety, unfairness, financial self-dealing, or fiscal imprudence.

Sec. 5 Donor Intent. Institutions and university-affiliated foundations should adopt and consistently apply gift acceptance policies, thoroughly document donor intent, and carefully review proposed gifts to ensure that donors' intentions can be fulfilled and that through the acceptance of gifts, institutions will not be subject to undue external influence, such as over academic programs and appointments, or to financial or compliance risk.

The policies should require consultation between the foundation and appropriate institution representatives prior to the foundation accepting gifts restricted for a) institution purposes other than those addressed in existing gift acceptance policies, or b) that may subject the institution to unusual conditions or requirements.

3. Definitions

University-Affiliated Foundations - Texas nonprofit trusts or corporations whose sole, primary, or operationally significant purpose is to provide financial support to a U. T. System institution.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Business Organizations Code Section [22.353](#)

Texas Government Code Section [2255.001](#) – Rules (Private Donors or Organizations)

Texas Attorney General Opinion No. [MW-373](#) (1981)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#), Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 30104](#), Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Commitment, and Outside Activities

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60101](#), Acceptance and Administration of Gifts

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60304](#), External Nonprofit Corporations

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60306](#), Use of University Resources

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 138, Gift Acceptance Procedures](#)

[Best Practices Regarding University-Affiliated Foundation Relationships – Advisory Task Force Report \(2013\)](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Use of University Resources

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Chancellor's Authorization. Unless authorized by the Chancellor, no officer or employee of The University of Texas System or any of the institutions shall accept remuneration from or serve as an officer, director, employee, or agent of an external nonprofit corporation or an external entity that has as its primary objective the provision of funds or services for the furtherance of the purposes and duties of the U. T. System or any of the institutions. Any employee authorized by the Chancellor to act in such a capacity shall not be involved in the negotiation of the terms or conditions of any agreement relating to the provision of funds, services, or property to the U. T. System or any of the institutions.

Sec. 2 No Service as an Agent. No officer or employee of the U. T. System or any of the institutions shall act as the agent for any corporation, association, organization, partnership, or individual in the negotiation of the terms or conditions of an agreement relating to the provision of funds, services, or property to the U. T. System or any of the institutions by such corporation, association, organization, partnership, or individual.

Sec. 3 Compensation for Resources Used. The use of equipment, facilities, or services of employees of the U. T. System or any of the institutions by an external nonprofit corporation or external entity that has as its primary objective the provision of funds or services for the furtherance of the purposes and duties of the U. T. System shall be permitted only in accordance with a negotiated agreement that provides for the payment of adequate compensation for such equipment, facilities or services.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code Section [2255.001](#) – Rules (Private Donors or Organizations)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Business Officers
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Authority to Accept and Manage Assets

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Acceptance of Real Property. The management and disposition of interests in real property owned or controlled by the Board of Regents, other than real property acquired and managed by The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) for investment purposes, are governed by [Rule 70301](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*.
- Sec. 2 Acceptance of Funds for Endowment or Life Income Funds. All assets received by the Board of Regents to establish, or that modify, an endowment (other than the Permanent University Fund), a fund functioning as an endowment, or a life income fund shall be accepted and processed by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services and, after acceptance and processing, shall be delivered to the appropriate office for management.
- Sec. 3 Acceptance of Funds from a Bequest, Trust, or Planned Gift. All assets received by the Board of Regents through a bequest, a distribution from an account held in trust by others, or for the establishment or modification of any planned gift shall be accepted and processed by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services and, after acceptance and processing, shall be delivered to the appropriate office for management.
- Sec. 4 Acceptance of Intellectual Property Rights. Rights in intellectual property received by the Board of Regents to establish or modify an endowment, a fund functioning as an endowment, or a life income fund or received through a bequest, a distribution from an account held in trust by others, or for the establishment or modification of any planned gift shall be accepted and processed by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services and after acceptance and processing, shall be delivered to the appropriate office for management in accordance with this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to rights in intellectual property owned or controlled by the Board except as provided in this section.

- Sec. 5 Management of Permanent University Fund (PUF) Assets. All assets of the PUF, other than PUF lands, shall be managed by UTIMCO or as otherwise directed by the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 6 Management of Endowment and Life Income Funds. All assets received for or held in an endowment fund (other than the PUF), a fund functioning as an endowment, or a life income fund shall be managed by UTIMCO or as otherwise directed by the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 7 Management of Consolidated System Funds. All assets of Retirement of Indebtedness Funds, Bond Proceeds, Unemployment Compensation Funds, Workers' Compensation Funds, the Medical/Dental Self-Insurance Fund, the Vision Services Fund, the Student Health Insurance Fund, the Flexible Benefits Fund, the Rolling Owner-Controlled Insurance Fund, the Comprehensive Property Protection Plan, the Comprehensive Property Protection Plan Catastrophic Self-Insurance Fund, the Director & Officer/Employee Practices Insurance Fund, the Resource Allocation Program and the Medical Liability Self-Insurance Fund ("consolidated U. T. System funds") shall be managed with respect to investment of such funds as set forth below:
- 7.1 The Office of Business Affairs shall invest the Retirement of Indebtedness Funds, Bond Proceeds, Unemployment Compensation Funds, Workers' Compensation Funds, the Medical/Dental Self-Insurance Fund, the Student Health Insurance Fund, the Flexible Benefits Fund, the Rolling Owner-Controlled Insurance Fund, the Comprehensive Property Protection Plan, the Comprehensive Property Protection Plan Catastrophic Self-Insurance Fund, the Director & Officer/Employee Practices Insurance Fund, the Resource Allocation Program and the Vision Services Fund in the same manner that chief business officers may invest the operating funds of each institution.
- 7.2 UTIMCO shall invest the Medical Liability Self-Insurance Fund in the Long Term Fund, Intermediate Term Fund, and Short Term Fund as directed by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

- Sec. 8 Management of Other Assets. Assets that are not a part of the PUF, an endowment fund, a fund functioning as an endowment, a life income fund, or consolidated U. T. System funds shall be managed as set forth in this section:
- 8.1 Tangible personal property shall be managed by the institutional president.
- 8.2 Concerning intangible personal property. UTIMCO shall hold all stock certificates of securities managed by, or held on behalf of, an institutional president or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel and shall assign, transfer, or sell such securities, as directed by an institutional president or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, in accordance with this Rule. An institutional president or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel is permitted to receive stock certificates in digital format as managed for an issuer by a third-party manager of electronic securities, so long as such an issuance is timely reported to UTIMCO. Uncertificated securities shall be managed by an institutional president or by UTIMCO, as determined by the institutional president. Other intangible personal property shall be managed by an institutional president.
- 8.3 The institutional president may designate in writing one or more committees, employees, officers, or other agents of the institution, or one or more outside managers to manage any or all of the assets described in 8.1 or 8.2 immediately above on behalf of the institutional president.
- Sec. 9 Authority to Execute Transactions – UTIMCO. Pursuant to an Investment Management Services Agreement and Investment Policy Statement approved by the Board of Regents, UTIMCO shall be authorized to purchase, exchange, and sell, for and on behalf of the PUF or the Board of Regents, any and all securities of any description and from any source, including gifts and bequests, registered in the name of the PUF or the Board, or in any other form of registration of such securities held for the account of the PUF or the Board in whatever manner, including all fiduciary capacities and including those registered in the names of trusts or foundations managed and controlled by said Board. In addition, external investment managers appointed by UTIMCO may purchase, sell, or exchange securities, pursuant

to written agreement with UTIMCO and in accordance with the applicable Investment Policy Statements.

- Sec. 10 Authority to Transact Through Investment Dealers. Sales, purchases, and exchanges by UTIMCO shall be effected through investment dealers or brokers in accordance with the applicable Investment Policy Statement.
- Sec. 11 Authority to Execute Securities Transactions. The Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services or the Vice Chancellor's designee shall be authorized to sell, for and on behalf of the Board of Regents, any and all securities received as gifts and/or bequests, registered in the name of the Board, or in any other form of registration of such securities held for the account of the Board in whatever manner, including all fiduciary capacities and including those registered in the names of trusts managed and controlled by said Board.
- Sec. 12 Authority to Assign and Transfer Securities Owned by the PUF and the Board of Regents. UTIMCO may assign and transfer any and all securities of any description and from any source, including gifts and bequests, and execute any and all documents necessary to the consummation of any sale, assignment, or transfer of any securities registered in the name of the PUF or the Board, or in any other form of registration of such securities held for the account of the PUF or the Board in whatever manner, including all fiduciary capacities and including those registered in the names of trusts or foundations managed and controlled by said Board. In addition, custodian banks appointed by UTIMCO may assign and transfer securities and execute any and all documents necessary to the consummation of any sale, assignment, or transfer of any security owned by the Board.
- Sec. 13 Authority to Collect Money or Property – UTIMCO. UTIMCO is authorized and empowered to seek, demand, collect, recover, and receive any and all sums of money, debts, dues, rights, property, effects, or demands due, payable, or belonging, or that may become due, payable, or belonging to the PUF or the Board of Regents from any person or persons as a result of any investment transaction and to execute any and all necessary or proper receipts, releases, and discharges therefore and any other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate from time

to time relating to the handling, management, control, and disposition of any investment.

- Sec. 14 Authority to Collect Money or Property – External Relations. The Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services or the Vice Chancellor's designee is authorized to seek, demand, collect, recover, and receive any and all sums of money, debts, dues, rights, property, effects, or demands due, payable, or belonging, or that may become due or payable to the Board of Regents from any person or persons as a result of, or relating to, a gift or bequest and to execute any and all necessary or proper receipts, releases, and discharges and any other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate from time to time relating to the receipt, handling, management, control, and disposition of any asset acquired by gift or bequest unless and until such time as the Office of Gift Administration, Compliance and Advancement Services has delivered the asset to another office for management purposes as provided in these *Rules and Regulations*.
- Sec. 15 Authority as Relates to Litigation. The authority granted in Sections 13 and 14 above does not include the authority to institute litigation on behalf of the Board of Regents or to settle contested claims or litigation that may result in UTIMCO or the U. T. System receiving less than full value for the claim or the payment of damages or awards. The settlement of any contested claim or litigation for less than full value requires the prior approval of the U. T. System Vice Chancellor and General Counsel and appropriate U. T. System officials, as set out in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#).
- Sec 16 Authority to Execute Proxies and Consent to Modifications in Bond Indentures – UTIMCO. UTIMCO is authorized to consent to modifications in bond indentures and to execute proxies within the approved investment policies.
- Sec. 17 Authority to Use Book-Entry Form. Securities owned by the PUF or the Board of Regents may be delivered and maintained by a custodian bank or a member bank of the Federal Reserve System in book-entry form subject to applicable law.

3. Definitions

Endowment funds – funds that typically have certain donor-imposed restrictions placed upon the principal and/or the funds available for distribution (e.g., income and/or gains).

Custodian bank – a bank that provides custody services pursuant to an agreement with the Board of Regents or UTIMCO.

Member bank – one of the twelve Reserve Banks that comprise the Federal Reserve System.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70301](#) – Matters Relating to Real Property

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
UTIMCO Board of Directors
UTIMCO Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs
Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Investment Policies

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Permanent University Fund (PUF). The policies for the investment of funds for the PUF shall be those outlined in the [Permanent University Fund Investment Policy Statement](#).
- Sec. 2 Investment Pools. The policies for the investment of funds for U. T. investment pools shall be those outlined in the applicable Investment Policy Statement. Each pooled fund established by The University of Texas System shall be administered according to the U. T. System [Separately Invested Funds Investment Policy Statement](#), the fund's trust indenture, and applicable law.
- Sec. 3 Endowments. Endowment funds and funds functioning as endowments will be managed in a manner consistent with the governing instrument, [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 138, Gift Acceptance Procedures](#), and the investment standards set forth in the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act (*Texas Property Code*, [Chapter 163](#) et seq.). These funds will be invested in the Long Term Fund unless the terms of the instrument by which the endowment was created preclude commingling of assets. Those endowments for which the terms of the instrument preclude the commingling of assets or for which illiquid assets are held will be separately invested.
- Sec. 4 Life Income Funds. Life income funds will be invested and administered consistent with the governing instrument, The U. T. System Separately Invested Endowment, Trust, and Other Accounts Investment Policy Statement, [the U. T. System Gift Acceptance Procedures](#), and the investment standards set forth in the *Texas Trust Code* (*Texas Property Code* [Section 111.001](#) et seq.).
- Sec. 5 System Medical Liability Fund. The Professional Medical Liability Fund shall be administered in a manner consistent with all provisions of the System Professional Medical Liability Benefit Plan.
- Sec. 6 Other Accounts. Other Accounts as defined in the U. T. System Separately Invested Endowment, Trust, and Other Accounts

Investment Policy Statement shall be invested and administered consistent with that policy.

- Sec. 7 Required Reports. The following annual reports are required:
- 7.1 The investment performance of the PUF, as measured by an unaffiliated organization, shall be reported to the Board of Regents at least annually.
 - 7.2 The nature and extent of any investments in or business transacted with any firm with which a director, officer or employee of The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) is affiliated will be reported to the Board of Regents annually.
- Sec. 8 Authorization to Protect Investments. UTIMCO is authorized to take any and all steps as may be considered necessary or advisable to protect the interest of the PUF, Investment Pools, Endowments, and Life Income Funds in event of default or any other significant changes occurring with respect to any investment.
- Sec. 9 Stock Rights and Warrants. Exercise of or sale of stock rights and warrants is to be made at the discretion of UTIMCO.
- Sec. 10 Fractional Shares. Fractional shares that arise in connection with funds under control of UTIMCO shall be handled at its discretion.
- Sec. 11 Voting Stocks. As a general rule, voting stocks held are to be voted by UTIMCO pursuant to its proxy voting policy.
- Sec. 12 Financial Advisors and Service Provider Disclosures. Financial advisors and service providers as defined in *Texas Government Code* [Section 2263.002](#) shall comply with the disclosure requirements contained in *Texas Government Code* [Section 2263.005](#).
- Sec. 13 Referrals to UTIMCO and Related Disclosures. Members of the U. T. Board of Regents and U. T. System officers and employees shall avoid all appearance of conflict of interest pertaining to UTIMCO's investment opportunities. Referral of information related to investment opportunities outside of a posted open meeting of the U. T. Board of Regents or the UTIMCO Board of Directors must be made directly to the

UTIMCO President and CEO without endorsement of the merits of the potential investment and with full disclosure concerning whether the investment opportunity involves any potential economic benefit to the individual making the referral or to an individual related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to the individual making the referral. Referrals will be accepted with the understanding that decisions on individual investments are at the discretion of the UTIMCO Board and staff.

- 13.1 Applicability to UTIMCO Board. Members of the UTIMCO Board of Directors are to be guided by the same requirements through UTIMCO policies.
- 13.2 Disclosure of Referrals. Should UTIMCO staff ultimately recommend to the UTIMCO Board an investment that was the subject of a direct referral from a member of the U. T. Board of Regents, an officer or employee of the U. T. System, or a member of the UTIMCO Board of Directors, UTIMCO staff is required to disclose the source of the referral and whether such referral involves any potential economic benefit to the individual making the referral or to an individual related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to the individual making the referral.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 2263.002](#) – Definition of financial advisor or service

Texas Government Code [Section 2263.005](#) – Disclosure Requirements for Outside Financial Advisor or Service Provider

Texas Property Code, [Chapter 163](#) – Management, Investment and Expenditure of Institutional Funds

Texas Property Code [Section 111.001](#) – Trusts

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

[The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 138, Gift Acceptance Procedures](#)

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60101](#) – Acceptance and Administration of Gifts

[Permanent University Fund Investment Policy Statement](#)

[General Endowment Fund Investment Policy Statement](#)

[Permanent Health Fund Investment Policy Statement](#)

[Long Term Fund Investment Policy Statement](#)

[Intermediate Term Fund Investment Policy Statement](#)

[Separately Invested Funds Investment Policy Statement](#)

[Short Term Fund Investment Policy Statement](#)

[Allocation Policy for Non-endowment Funds Policy Statement](#)

6. Who Should Know

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UTIMCO Board of Directors
UTIMCO Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

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Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Interest Rate Swap Policy

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Authority. *Texas Education Code*, [Chapter 55](#), including Section [55.13](#), *Texas Education Code*, [Chapter 65](#), including Section [65.461](#), and *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 1371](#), including Section [1371.056](#), authorize the Board of Regents (Board) of The University of Texas System (U. T. System) to enter into interest rate management agreements and bond enhancement agreements (collectively “swaps”).
- Sec. 2 Purpose. This policy will govern the use of swaps in connection with the U. T. System’s management of its debt programs, including the Permanent University Fund and Revenue Financing System debt programs. By using swaps in a prudent manner, the U. T. System can increase the U. T. System’s financial flexibility, provide opportunities for interest rate savings, allow the U. T. System to actively manage asset and liability interest rate risk, take advantage of market opportunities to lower the overall cost of debt, balance interest rate risk, or hedge other exposures. The use of swaps must be tied directly to U. T. System debt instruments. The U. T. System shall not enter into swaps for speculative purposes.
- Sec. 3 Legality/Approval. Prior to entering into a swap, the U. T. System must receive approval from the Board of Regents (which may include a delegation of authority to an Authorized Representative to enter into one or more swaps) and any required approvals from the Texas Attorney General and the Texas Bond Review Board. The U. T. System will also secure an opinion acceptable to the Authorized Representative from legal counsel that the swap is a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the U. T. System and that entering into the swap complies with applicable State and federal laws.
- Sec. 4 Form of Agreements. Each interest rate swap shall contain terms and conditions as set forth in the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) Master Agreement, as amended, and such other terms and conditions including schedules, credit support annexes, and confirmations as deemed necessary by an Authorized Representative.

- Sec. 5 Methods of Procuring Swaps. Swaps can be procured via competitive bids or on a negotiated basis with counterparties or its credit support providers having credit ratings of 'A' or 'A2' or better from Standard & Poor's or Moody's, respectively.
- 5.1 Competitive. The competitive bid should include a minimum of three firms. An Authorized Representative may allow a firm or firms not submitting the bid that produces the lowest cost to match the lowest bid and be awarded a specified percentage of the notional amount of the swap.
- 5.2 Negotiated. An Authorized Representative may procure swaps by negotiated methods in the following situations:
- (a) A determination is made by an Authorized Representative that due to the complexity of a particular swap, a negotiated bid would result in the most favorable pricing;
 - (b) A determination is made by an Authorized Representative that, in light of the facts and circumstances, a negotiated bid will promote the U. T. System's interests by encouraging and rewarding innovation; or
 - (c) A determination is made by an Authorized Representative that a competitive bid would likely create market pricing effects that would be detrimental to the interests of the U. T. System.
- Sec. 6 Counterparty Risk. Counterparty risk is the risk of a failure by one of the U. T. System's swap counterparties to perform as required under a swap. To mitigate this risk, the U. T. System will 1) diversify its exposure among highly rated swap counterparties satisfying the rating criteria set forth in Section 5 above; 2) require collateralization as set forth below; and 3) include an optional termination event if the counterparty (or its credit support provider, if applicable) is downgraded below a second (lower) threshold.
- 6.1 Value Owed by Counterparty. To limit and diversify the U. T. System's counterparty risk and to monitor credit exposure to each counterparty, the U. T. System may not enter into a swap with an otherwise qualified counterparty

unless the cumulative mark-to-market value owed by the counterparty (and its credit support provider, if applicable) to the U. T. System shall be less than or equal to the applicable threshold amount set forth in Section 6.3 below.

- 6.2 Calculation of Value Owed. The value owed shall be the sum of all mark-to-market values between the subject counterparty and the U. T. System regardless of the type of swap, net of collateral posted by the counterparty. Collateral will consist of cash, U.S. Treasury securities, and Federal Agency securities guaranteed unconditionally by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Collateral shall be deposited with a third party trustee acceptable to U. T. System or as mutually agreed upon between U. T. System and each counterparty.
- 6.3 Threshold Amounts Based on Credit Rating. Specific threshold amounts by counterparty are based on the cumulative mark-to-market value of the swap(s) and the credit rating of the counterparty or its credit support provider. The threshold amounts are as follows:
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| (a) AAA / Aaa | \$30 million |
| (b) AA+ / Aa1 | \$25 million |
| (c) AA / Aa2 | \$20 million |
| (d) AA- / Aa3 | \$15 million |
| (e) A+ / A1 | \$10 million |
| (f) A / A2 | \$ 5 million |
- 6.4 Downgraded Rating. If the credit rating of a counterparty or its credit support provider is downgraded such that the cumulative mark-to-market value of all swaps between such counterparty and the U. T. System exceeds the maximum permitted by this policy, the counterparty must post collateral or provide other credit enhancement that is satisfactory to the U. T. System and ensures compliance with this policy.

- Sec. 7 Termination Risk. The U. T. System shall consider the merits of including a provision that permits optional termination at any time over the term of the swap (elective termination right). In general, exercising the right to optionally terminate a swap should produce a benefit to the U. T. System, either through

receipt of a payment from a termination, or if a termination payment is made by the U. T. System, a conversion to a more beneficial debt instrument or credit relationship. It is possible that a termination payment by the U. T. System may be required in the event of termination of a swap due to a counterparty default or following a decrease in credit rating.

- Sec. 8 Amortization Risk. The amortization schedules of the debt and associated swap should be closely matched for the duration of the swap. Mismatched amortization schedules can result in a less than satisfactory hedge and create unnecessary risk. In no circumstance may (i) the notional amount of a swap exceed the principal amount of the related debt at any time, or (ii) the term of a swap extend beyond the final maturity date of the related debt instrument, or in the case of a refunding transaction, beyond the final maturity date of the refunding bonds.
- Sec. 9 Basis Risk. Basis risk arises as a result of movement in the underlying variable rate indices that may not be in tandem, creating a cost differential that could result in a net cash outflow from the U. T. System. Basis risk can also result from the use of floating, but different, indices. To mitigate basis risk, any index used as part of a swap shall be a recognized market index, including but not limited to the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Municipal Swap Index, the Effective Federal Funds Rate (EFFR), or the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR).
- Sec. 10 Tax Risk. Tax risk is the risk that tax laws will change, resulting in a change in the marginal tax rates on swaps and their underlying assets. Tax risk is present in all tax-exempt debt issuances. The U. T. System Office of Finance will continually monitor and evaluate tax risk.
- Sec. 11 Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that costs associated with variable rate exposure increase as a result of changes in market interest rates. Additional interest rate risk can be created by entering into certain types of swaps. The U. T. System Office of Finance will incorporate the impact of each swap on the overall debt portfolio.
- Sec. 12 Reporting.

- 12.1 The U. T. System Office of Finance staff will report to the Board within 30 days of completion of any swap transaction.
- 12.2 The Annual Financial Report prepared by the U. T. System and presented to the Board of Regents will discuss the status of all swaps. The report shall include a list of all swaps with notional value and interest rates, a list of counterparties (and credit support providers, if applicable) and their respective credit ratings, and other key terms.

Sec. 13 Qualified Independent Representative. In connection with Commodities Futures Trading Commission Rule 23.450(b)(1), an Authorized Representative will select a qualified independent representative (QIR) to advise the U. T. System Office of Finance on derivative transactions, and U. T. System Office of Finance staff will monitor the performance of such QIR on an ongoing basis. The U. T. System Office of Finance will consult with the QIR prior to entering into or modifying any derivative transactions.

3. Definitions

Authorized Representative – includes the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance, and the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Finance.

Counterparty – a participant in a swap who exchanges payments based on interest rates or other criteria with another counterparty.

Counterparty Long-Term Debt Rating – lowest prevailing rating from Standard & Poor's / Moody's.

Effective Federal Funds Rate (EFFR) – The effective federal funds rate is calculated and published by the New York Federal Reserve Bank based on domestic unsecured borrowings in U.S. dollars by depository institutions. It is a commonly used benchmark for swaps.

Hedge – a transaction entered into to reduce exposure to market fluctuations.

Interest Rate Swap – a swap in which two parties agree to exchange future net cash flows based on predetermined interest rates or indices

calculated on an agreed notional amount. An interest rate swap is not a debt instrument and there is no exchange of principal.

ISDA Master Agreement – the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA), is the global trade association for the derivatives industry. The ISDA Master Agreement is the basic governing document that serves as a framework for all interest rate swaps and certain other types of swaps between two counterparties. It is a standard form used throughout the industry. It is typically negotiated once, prior to the first swap transaction, and remains in force for all subsequent swap transactions.

Mark-to-Market – calculation of the value of a financial instrument (like an interest rate swap) based on the current market rates or prices of the underlying indices.

Maximum cumulative mark-to-market – value of swaps owed to the U. T. System by counterparty (net of collateral posted).

Notional Amount – the size of the swap and the dollar amount used to calculate interest payments.

SIFMA Index – the principal benchmark for floating rate payments for tax-exempt issuers. The index is a national rate based on a market basket of high-grade, seven-day, tax-exempt variable rate bond issues.

Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) - the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) is a broad measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight collateralized by Treasury securities. It is a commonly used benchmark for swaps to replace LIBOR.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code, [Chapter 55](#) – Financing Permanent Improvements

Texas Education Code, [Chapter 65](#) – Administration of The University of Texas System

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 1371](#) – Obligations for Certain Public Improvements

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Matters Relating to Interests in Real Property

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Authority. *Texas Education Code* [Section 65.39](#) provides that “The board of regents of The University of Texas System has the sole and exclusive management and control of the lands set aside and appropriated to, or acquired by, The University of Texas System.” *Texas Education Code* [Section 65.34](#) further provides that a contract must be approved by the Board or entered into in accordance with rules of the Board.

Sec. 2 Scope. This Rule governs all Real Estate Contracts, which include Real Estate Sales Contracts, Real Estate Leases, and Easements (as defined below). This Rule does not cover the transfer or acquisition of rights pertaining to the ownership and/or development of mineral interests (such as oil and gas leases, oil and gas transportation pipeline easements, and the transfer of royalty interests) under the administration of the University Lands Office.

To the extent of any conflict between the provisions of this Rule and other provisions of the Regents’ *Rules and Regulations*, this Rule shall control with respect to Real Estate Contracts, and Regents’ Rules [60101](#) and [60103](#) shall control with respect to the acceptance and administration of gifts of real property.

Sec. 3 Title to Real Property Interests. Title to all interests in real property of every kind or nature owned, leased, or otherwise held for the use or benefit of the U. T. System or any U. T. institution shall be held in the name of the “Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.”

Sec. 4 Delegation of Authority - Real Property Management.

4.1 Office of General Counsel. The negotiation and execution of Real Estate Contracts shall be done in accordance with all guidelines promulgated by the Office of General Counsel.

4.2 Office of Business Affairs. The Board delegates to the U. T. System’s Office of Business Affairs, acting through

its Real Estate Office, authority to collect and account for all rents, mortgages, and other charges relating to real property managed or supervised by the Real Estate Office. All interests in real property owned, leased, or otherwise held by the Board shall be administered and managed by the Real Estate Office, except the following:

- (i) Permanent University Fund (PUF) Lands, which shall be administered and managed by the University Lands Office;
- (ii) real properties used for Institutional Purposes, which shall be administered and managed by the applicable institution, subject to the requirements of this Rule and U. T. Systemwide Policies. For purposes of this Rule, "Institutional Purposes" shall mean the duties, responsibilities, missions, and purposes of U. T. System and U. T. institutions authorized under the *Texas Education Code*, but shall not include uses principally intended to generate funds for the U. T. institution; and
- (iii) real property investments managed by UTIMCO.

4.3 Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. The Board delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the authority to negotiate, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Board Real Estate Contracts and other associated documents or agreements pertaining to or regarding the transfer, acceptance, or acquisition of interests in real property owned, leased, or controlled (or to be owned, leased, or controlled) by the Board, including real property, subject to limitations in this Rule.

Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Rule, the authority granted in this Section to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs includes the authority to:

- (i) negotiate, execute, and deliver all instruments necessary and convenient relating to (a) the management, control, purchase, sale, transfer, acquisition, or disposition of any real property or interests in real property owned, leased, or controlled by the Board (including, without limitation, joint, several and undivided interests in the fee title to real

property and the acquisition or sale of mineral interests not administered by the University Lands Office); (b) easements, licenses, access rights, or permits with any length of term and for monetary or nonmonetary consideration; or (c) instruments relating to financing for such real properties, such as estoppel certificates requested by a third-party landlord or lender; and

- (ii) negotiate, execute, and deliver documents and agreements commonly and reasonably undertaken in connection with the purchase, sale, lease, transfer, or other acquisition or disposition of real property, such as, without limitation, the engagement of brokers, building and environmental inspectors, appraisers, and attorneys to assist with a particular transaction, provided that the engagement of such services shall be done in accordance with the other provisions of the Regents' Rules and U. T. Systemwide Policies.

4.4 Other Requirements.

- 4.4.1 The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs shall consult with the institutional chief business officer or delegate prior to approving and executing any Real Estate Contract or associated instrument relating to real property used or to be used by a U. T. institution for Institutional Purposes.
- 4.4.2 The authority granted by this Rule to negotiate, execute, and deliver binding contracts and other associated agreements or instruments related to the acquisition of real property for Institutional Purposes applies only (i) if the real property is within a Campus Master Plan approved by the Board or (ii) the matter is an Easement or other similar agreement necessary to implement institutional projects or to serve real property owned or controlled by the Board.

Sec. 5 Delegation of Authority - PUF Lands. The Board delegates to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs the authority to:

- (i) execute and deliver on behalf of the Board contracts pertaining to or conveying interests in PUF Lands and in mineral interests in other lands owned or controlled by the Board; and
- (ii) to take any action on behalf of the Board as may be necessary or desirable with regard to the management and administration of oil and gas leases and other instruments issued by the Board for Lease of University Lands regarding PUF Lands, including without limitation, promulgating forms and requiring submission of documents, records, or reports to verify gross production and disposition and market value of the production.

This authority includes all instruments necessary and convenient relating to the management, acquisition, and disposition of PUF Lands, including mineral interests, and of mineral interests in other lands owned or controlled by the Board, and licenses and surface rights for activities on PUF Lands.

Sec. 6 Delegation of Authority - Real Estate Leases. The Board delegates to each President of a U. T. institution the authority to sign Real Estate Leases, renewals, and amendments, and ancillary documents related to Real Estate Leases, renewals, and amendments for the purpose of leasing as tenant or licensing as licensee space for Institutional Purposes; provided that:

- (i) the maximum initial term for each such agreement is 10 years or less, and at the end of 10 years or later there is no penalty or fee for ending the agreement; any extension or renewal term must be 10 years or less and must be under the control of the Board (i.e., the Board has the right to elect or not to elect to extend or renew the then existing term under the agreement), and there is no penalty or fee for ending the agreement at the expiration of the 10-year term or later;
- (ii) the agreement contains no options to purchase the property in question;
- (iii) the agreement does not require or involve the construction or substantial completion of a new building

or the substantial replacement or reconstruction of an existing building;

- (iv) the President consults with the chief business officer of the institution prior to approving and executing any Real Estate Lease;
- (v) the Real Estate Lease complies with applicable law, Regents' Rules, and U. T. Systemwide Policies; and
- (vi) if approval by the Real Estate Office, the Office of General Counsel, or the Board is required under this Rule, the President may not sign a Real Estate Lease until the Real Estate Office or the Office of General Counsel has notified the U. T. institution either that
 - (a) the contract has been approved by the appropriate U. T. office or the Board, as applicable; or
 - (b) the contract may be executed subject to compliance with Section 8.2 below.

Sec. 7 Delegation of Authority - Gifts of Land. The Board delegates to the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services the administration of real property received by the Board through a bequest, an interest in an account held in trust, a gift to establish or modify an endowment (other than the PUF), a fund functioning as an endowment, or a life income or annuity fund. The Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services shall promptly notify the Real Estate Office and the University Lands Office of gifts of surface and mineral estates in real property received, processed, and administered pursuant to this Section, to be managed by either the Real Estate Office or University Lands Office. This Section shall not apply to current purpose gifts of surface and mineral estates in real property (other than gifts received through a bequest or a trust) or additions to an existing endowment, a fund functioning as an endowment, or a life income or annuity fund if the addition does not change or modify the purpose of the endowment or fund.

The Real Estate Office and the University Lands Office shall, in accordance with applicable Regents' Rules, accept and administer the receipt of all gifts of surface and mineral estates in real property that are not processed and administered in accordance with the preceding paragraph,

unless the property is used as campus property by the institution. Once the property is owned or controlled by the Board, the institution shall administer and manage such real property as is used for Institutional Purposes.

Sec. 8 Authority Levels. The Authority Levels for Real Estate Contracts for each U. T. institution are established by Regents' [Rule 10501](#) and U. T. Systemwide Policy [UTS145](#), *Processing of Contracts*. Contracts in excess of Authority Levels shall be subject to the following:

8.1 A U. T. institution officer or employee must obtain (i) prior review and approval of the System Real Estate Contract by the Real Estate Office and the Office of General Counsel, and (ii) authorization from the Board to exceed the Authority Level of the institution.

8.2 If the Real Estate Office and the Office of General Counsel have previously reviewed and approved a Real Estate Contract having a total cost or monetary value in excess of the U. T. institution's Authority Level, a U. T. officer authorized under this Rule to sign the type of contract in question is authorized, prior to obtaining Board approval, to execute the Real Estate Contract if the Real Estate Contract (i) is promptly submitted for Board approval, and (ii) contains a provision, approved by the Office of General Counsel, to the effect that such portion of the obligations of the institution under the contract that are in excess of the institution's Authority Level are not binding unless and until the contract is approved by the Board.

Real Estate Leases negotiated or documented by the Texas Facilities Commission on behalf of a U. T. institution in excess of the institution's Authority Level must be approved by the Board.

Sec. 9 Contract Terms and Valuations

9.1 Total Cost or Monetary Value. The Total Cost or Monetary Value of a Real Estate Contract and examples are found in Definitions, below.

9.2 Extensions and Renewals. All potential extensions or renewals provided for in a Real Estate Contract (whether

automatic or requiring action by a party) shall be deemed exercised for purposes of calculating the total cost or monetary value of the contract.

9.3 Amendments.

- 9.3.1 For the purpose of calculating the total cost or monetary value of a Real Estate Contract, the total cost or monetary value of any amendment or modification to the Real Estate Contract shall be calculated on a cumulative basis with the total cost or monetary value actually incurred, received, or payable under the Real Estate Contract (or reasonably estimated as permitted in this Rule) prior to such amendment or modification.
- 9.3.2 Amendments to a Real Estate Contract do not require approval by the Board unless
- (i) for a Real Estate Contract not previously approved by the Board, the amendment increases the cumulative total cost or monetary value of the Real Estate Contract (as amended by any prior amendments) above the Authority Level of the institution;
 - (ii) for a Real Estate Contract previously approved by the Board, any amendments thereto cumulatively increase the total cost or monetary value of the contract previously approved by the Board to an amount greater than 125% of the total cost or monetary value approved by the Board, unless such cumulative increases in the total cost or monetary value are less than the Authority Level of the institution (in which case Board approval is not required); or
 - (iii) Board approval is otherwise required by these Rules because of the particular provisions of the amendment.

9.4 Contracts for the Same Property. Any new Real Estate Contract pertaining to substantially the same real property

that was the subject of a prior Real Estate Contract between the same parties or their successors in interest shall be treated as an extension, renewal, or modification of the prior Real Estate Contract for purposes of this calculation, except in such instances where the real property in question had been totally vacated by the occupant of the real property under the prior Real Estate Contract for a period of three consecutive months or more following the expiration or termination of the prior Real Estate Contract.

9.5 Assurance of Authority. No officer or employee of U. T. System or any U. T. institution, as an individual or as a member of any association or agency, has the power to bind U. T. System or any U. T. institution by a Real Estate Contract unless the review and execution thereof is done in accordance with this Rule. The officer or employee executing any Real Estate Contract shall be responsible for assuring that he or she has the requisite authority to act on behalf of the Board and that such authority is being exercised in compliance with applicable law, the Regents' Rules, and U. T. Systemwide Policies. Such officer or employee is strongly encouraged to contact the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel with any questions regarding the nature and scope of the officer's or employee's authority.

9.6 Certification. Documents executed on behalf of the Board pursuant to authority granted under the Regents' Rules shall not require further certification or attestation.

Sec. 10 Record Keeping. The Board designates the Real Estate Office as the central repository for all Real Estate Contracts. Promptly following the execution of a Real Estate Contract by a U. T. institution, the institution shall deliver to the Real Estate Office a full, complete, and accurate electronic copy of the contract, regardless of whether such contract required the review and approval of the Real Estate Office and/or the Office of General Counsel. The Real Estate Office shall promulgate policies and processes for the maintenance of such Real Estate Contracts as part of the permanent records of its office, consistent with and subject to U. T. System's general record retention policies, but in no event shall a Real Estate Contract be maintained for a period of less than four

years following the expiration or sooner termination of the Real Estate Contract.

Sec. 11 Consultation with Real Estate Office. Upon the request of a U. T. institution, the Real Estate Office will consult with, advise, and assist the institution concerning a Real Estate Contract, regardless of the length of term, total cost, or monetary value of the contract.

3. Definitions

Real Estate Sales Contracts - A contract for the purchase, sale, exchange, transfer, or acquisition of any fee interests in real property by U. T. System and U. T. institutions.

Real Estate Leases - A contract for the lease, sublease, license, or use of real property by U. T. System and/or U. T. institutions, whether as landlord, tenant, sublandlord, subtenant, licensee, licensor, or otherwise.

Easements - The grant or acquisition by U. T. System and/or U. T. institutions of the right to cross or use real property for a specific purpose that is not terminable at the will of the grantor.

Real Estate Contracts - Real Estate Sales Contracts, Real Estate Leases, and Easements are collectively referred to in this Rule as "Real Estate Contracts." The term includes (i) all amendments and modifications of the foregoing, and (ii) ancillary agreements to such contracts, such as (by way of example only) estoppel certificates and nondisturbance agreements for leases.

Total Cost or Monetary Value - For a Real Estate Contract, it is the net cumulative sum of all costs and expenses to be paid or all monies to be received by a U. T. institution over the term of the Real Estate Contract.

- For example, if a U. T. institution leased real property as tenant for a total rental of \$950,000 and were contractually obligated to build or reimburse landlord for improvements to the premises costing an additional \$100,000 above the rental, the contract would have a total cost or monetary value of \$1,050,000 to the U. T. institution; however, if the landlord were obligated to pay for the improvements and received no

additional monies from the U. T. institution other than the rental, the total cost or monetary value to the U. T. institution would be \$950,000.

- Total cost or monetary value includes, without limitation, expenditures for real estate brokerage commissions, expenditures to build or pay for improvements to real property not included within the rental for the real property, and reasonably anticipated operating expenses (however denominated) in excess of the base rental payable by a tenant to the landlord over the term of a Real Estate Lease.
- Total cost or monetary value also includes (i) all operational expenses payable by the institution directly to persons not parties to the Real Estate Contract, such as utility charges or janitorial costs to a third-party service provider, and (ii) items such as ad valorem taxes that are paid directly by the institution to the governmental taxing authority.
- If all or part of the consideration payable under a Real Estate Contract is of an unspecified monetary value, the institution shall make a reasoned determination of whether the total cost or monetary value of the contract, in the light of the current and reasonably anticipated circumstances, is more or less than the institution's Authority Level and shall use such determination for the purposes of this Rule. The officer or employee of the institution making such determination shall prepare a written statement outlining the basis of such determination and such determination shall be preserved as part of the record of the transaction.
- Nonmonetary consideration (for example, the receipt of services or benefits that further an Institutional Purpose) shall be considered at its fair market value for purposes of calculating the total cost or monetary value of a Real Estate Contract. If any material part of the fair market value compensation paid or received by a U. T. institution under a Real Estate Contract is nonmonetary consideration, (i) the contract must be reviewed and approved by the Real Estate Office, and (ii) the Executive Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, with the help of the institution, shall determine the value of such nonmonetary compensation. If the consideration received by a U. T. institution under a Real Estate Contract is below fair market value, or if the consideration paid by a U. T. institution is above fair market value, the Board shall make the final determination as to the

value of the consideration paid or adequacy of the consideration received by the institution.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 65.34](#) – Contracts

Texas Education Code [Section 65.39](#) – Management of Lands Other Than Permanent University Fund Lands

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 60101](#) – Acceptance and Administration of Gifts

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 60103](#) – Guidelines for Acceptance of Gifts of Real Property

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS145](#) – Processing of Contracts

[Procedures for Seeking Relief from Rate and Damage Schedule Applicable to Easements and Other Interests on University Lands](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Oversight Responsibilities for UTIMCO

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Chancellor. The Chancellor of The University of Texas System may serve on the Board of Directors of The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO). The Chancellor oversees the operations of UTIMCO and coordinating interaction between the U. T. System and UTIMCO, ensures that UTIMCO implements the core investment functions delegated to it in conformance with these *Rules and Regulations*, the Investment Management Services Agreement, and the Investment Policy Statements adopted by the Board of Regents, and directs UTIMCO in areas other than core investment functions, such as relations with the media, intergovernmental relations, and public disclosure issues.
- Sec. 2 Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs designates and supervises the U. T. System liaison to UTIMCO, overseeing audits and investment performance assessments of UTIMCO, and reviewing budgetary and investment reports submitted by UTIMCO.
- Sec. 3 Vice Chancellor and General Counsel. The Vice Chancellor and General Counsel oversees legal services provided to UTIMCO by outside legal counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and providing counsel, advice, and legal interpretations to the Board of Regents, the Chancellor, and other U. T. System officials concerning UTIMCO-related issues.
- Sec. 4 Authority of Vice Chancellor and General Counsel to enter into investment management agreements with foundations and similar tax-exempt charitable organizations. The Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, in consultation with the Chancellor, is authorized to enter into investment management agreements under which the Board of Regents will control, manage, and invest funds for foundations and similar tax-exempt charitable organizations affiliated with the U. T. System and its institutions at the request of the foundation or tax-exempt charitable organization provided that (i) any such foundation or charitable organization is integral to the public and educational

purposes of the U. T. System, (ii) funds invested are exclusively dedicated to the educational purposes of the U. T. System, and (iii) any such agreement furthers the support and maintenance of U. T. System institutions. Funds managed under such agreements will be invested by UTIMCO under its Investment Management Services Agreement with the U. T. System Board of Regents.

Sec. 5 Chief Compliance and Risk Officer. The Chief Compliance and Risk Officer is responsible, and will be held accountable for, apprising the Chancellor and the Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee of the institutional compliance functions and activities at UTIMCO. The Chief Compliance and Risk Officer provides institutional compliance assistance to the Chief Compliance Officer of UTIMCO in the exercise of their responsibilities and prescribes the format for the annual risk based compliance plan and the quarterly compliance status reports to be submitted by UTIMCO.

Sec. 6 Joint Meeting. A joint meeting of the UTIMCO Board of Directors and the U. T. System Board of Regents may be held to discuss investment policies including asset allocation, investment performance, determination of risk, performance of the Corporation, organizational issues, proposed budget, and related issues. Notice of the joint meeting shall be provided in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
UTIMCO Board of Directors
UTIMCO Employees

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Category of Facilities and Authorized Users

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Category of Facility. The common outdoor areas of property owned or controlled by The University of Texas System are traditional public forums and generally open to assembly, speech, and other expressive activities, subject to reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner. All other property and buildings owned or controlled by The University of Texas System are not open for assembly, speech, or other expressive activities. The responsibility of the Board of Regents to operate and maintain an effective and efficient system of institutions of higher education requires that the time, place, and manner of assembly, speech, and other activities on all property and in the buildings of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions be regulated. Acting pursuant to the general authority of *Texas Education Code*, [Chapter 65](#), and the specific authority of *Texas Education Code*, [Chapter 51](#), the Board adopts and promulgates rules related to the use of buildings and property for purposes other than programs and activities related to the role and mission of the U. T. System Administration and the institutions.

Sec. 2 Authorized Users. No person, organization, group, association, or corporation may use property or buildings owned or controlled by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions for any purpose other than in the course of the regular programs or activities related to the role and mission of the U. T. System Administration and the institutions, unless authorized by the *Regents' Rules and Regulations*. Any authorized use must be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the *Regents' Rules and Regulations*, the approved rules and regulations of the institution, and applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

Sec. 3 Identification Required.

(a) Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Board of Regents by *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.209](#), in order to protect the safety and welfare of students, employees, patients, and other participants in the programs and activities of the U. T. System Administration and the institutions and to

protect the property and buildings of the U. T. System Administration and the institutions, it shall be unlawful for any person who is on any property or in a building owned or controlled by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions to refuse to identify himself or herself in response to a request by an authorized representative or any peace officer of the U. T. System acting pursuant to authority of Texas law. For purposes of this Section, authorized representative is any member of the Board of Regents, any executive or administrative officer of the U. T. System Administration or U. T. System institutions, public safety officers, and any secondary delegate as determined by the rules promulgated by U. T. System Administration or each institution. A person identifies himself or herself by stating truthfully: (1) his or her name and complete address, as substantiated by a current driver's license or other official documentation; and (2) his or her legitimate business on U. T. property.

- (b) Pursuant to [Section 51.209](#) of the *Texas Education Code*, authorized representatives may refuse to allow individuals who do not identify themselves or who have no legitimate business to enter or remain on U. T. property and may eject such individuals on their refusal to leave peaceably on request. Legitimate business includes engaging in assembly, speech, and other expressive activities where authorized by the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*. Students, faculty, or staff who refuse to identify themselves in accordance with this Rule are also subject to disciplinary action.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code, [Chapter 65](#) – Administration of The University of Texas System

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations, Penalty

Texas Education Code [Section 51.209](#) – Unauthorized Persons; Refusal of Entry, Ejection, Identification

Texas Education Code [Section 51.9315](#) – Protected Expression on Campus

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40501](#) – Speech and Assembly

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80103](#) – Solicitation

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty
Staff
Students
Police Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Alcoholic Beverages

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Prohibition. The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on property and in buildings owned or controlled by The University of Texas System or any of the institutions. However, the Chancellor of the U. T. System or the president of an institution may waive this prohibition with respect to any event sponsored by the U. T. System or any of the institutions. An event is sponsored if a budgeted office, department, or division of the U. T. System or any of the institutions is responsible for organizing the event, inviting attendees, and paying expenses related to the event, except that such an event is considered to be sponsored even if an outside entity pays for the food and beverages at the event. Meetings or events organized and presented by registered faculty, staff, or student organizations are not events sponsored by the U. T. System or any of the institutions.

Sec. 2 Does Not Apply. Section 1 immediately above does not apply to areas that are licensed under State law for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages, to a Special Use Facility during use by a non-institutional individual, group, association, or corporation for purposes permitted by the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80106](#), or to property, buildings, or facilities that are occupied by a third party pursuant to a written lease or occupancy agreement that does not specifically exclude alcoholic beverages.

Sec. 3 Strict Enforcement. State law relating to alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced at all times on property and in buildings owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations; Penalty

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80106](#) – Special Use Facilities

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students
Police Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Solicitation

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Prohibition of Solicitation. No solicitation shall be conducted on any property, street, or sidewalk, or in any building, structure, or facility owned or controlled by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions unless permitted by Section 2 of this Rule.

Sec. 2 Exceptions to Prohibition. The following activities shall not be deemed Solicitations prohibited by this Rule when conducted in accordance with the approved rules and regulations of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions. Such activities must be conducted in a manner that does not disturb or interfere with the academic programs or administrative activities of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions or any program or activity that is conducted by or is authorized by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions; does not interfere with entry to or exit from a building, structure, or facility; does not interfere with the flow of pedestrians or vehicular traffic on sidewalks or streets or at places of ingress and egress to and from property, buildings, or facilities; does not harass, or intimidate the person or persons being solicited; and does not violate applicable State, federal, or local laws or regulations:

2.1 Expressive Activities. Engaging in expressive activities, as defined by *Texas Education Code* [Section 51.9315\(2\)](#), in a common outdoor area of a campus.

2.2 Newspapers and Magazines. The distribution, sale, or offer for sale of a newspaper, magazine, or other publication by means of an unattended rack or vending machine in area(s) designated in advance by the Chancellor of the U. T. System or the president of an institution or their delegates for the direction of such activity.

2.3 Food and Drink. The sale or offer for sale of food, drink, or any other product that may be lawfully sold by means of a vending machine that is operated by the U. T. System or a subcontractor, under an approved written agreement, in an area designated in advance by the

Chancellor of the U. T. System or the president of an institution or their delegates.

- 2.4 Publications. The sale or offer for sale by the U. T. System or a subcontractor, under an approved written agreement, of any publication of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions or of any book or other printed material to be used in the regular academic work of an institution.
- 2.5 Services. Any offering of services and related products by a third party or by U. T. System Administration and/or one or more of the institutions on behalf of a third party (a "Third Party Service Offering") established and maintained primarily for the convenience of students, faculty, staff, or patients. Such Third Party Service Offering must be established and maintained pursuant to a written agreement between the third party and the affected U. T. System entity or entities and such written agreement:
- (a) clearly sets for the nature and scope of the Solicitation activities that the third party is permitted to undertake on U. T. System property and is construed to prohibit any Solicitation activities not specifically enumerated in such written agreement;
 - (b) is of specified duration with defined renewal procedures and periods; and
 - (c) includes appropriate provisions to protect the privacy of students, faculty, staff, and patients and requires compliance with the first paragraph of Section 2.

A president who has exercised delegated authority to authorize a Third Party Service Offering that allows campus credit card marketing activities shall comply with all requirements of [Chapter 761 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code](#) and shall assure that a session on credit card and debt education, as well as protecting personal information from identity theft, is included in all orientation programs for new students.

- 2.6 Sale of Items at Events. The sale or offer for sale by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions or a subcontractor, under an approved written agreement, of food, drink, art, souvenirs, novelty items, programs, or other items related to participation at athletic contests, arts festivals, summer camps, or other programs or events sponsored or authorized by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions.
- 2.7 Collections and Sales by University Organizations. The collection of contributions or the sale of merchandise, publications, food, or nonalcoholic beverages by the students' association or by a registered student, faculty, or staff organization. A students' association or a registered student, faculty, or staff organization may not conduct such Solicitation activities on behalf of or for the benefit of any individual, association, organization, corporation, or group of individuals that is not registered as a student, faculty, or staff organization or that is not otherwise qualified under the criteria of Section 2.10 below to conduct Solicitation. In the case of specific drives for disaster relief, the chief student affairs officer of the institution may approve a drive that complies with all other requirements of the first paragraph of Section 2. Texas law allows a registered student organization to be relieved from State sales tax liability in certain circumstances detailed in the [Texas Tax Code](#). All proposed sales events are subject to applicable provisions of these *Rules* and to other institutional policies concerning the time, place, and manner of Solicitation. The items offered for sale may not be items that the organization has obtained on consignment.
- 2.8 Collections of Fees or Dues. The collection of membership fees or dues by registered student, faculty, or staff organizations at meetings of such organizations scheduled in accordance with the facilities use regulations of any institution.
- 2.9 Admission Fees. The collection of admission fees for the exhibition of movies or for other programs that are sponsored or presented by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions or, if permitted by and scheduled in accordance with the approved rules and regulations of the institution, by the students'

association or by a registered student, faculty, or staff organization.

- 2.10 501(c)(3) Organizations. Solicitation of funds by any organization that can present to the Chancellor of the U. T. System or the president of the institution, or their delegates, written evidence from the Internal Revenue Service that the organization has been granted an exemption from taxation under *Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)*. Such Solicitation must be conducted in an area(s) designated for that purpose by the chief administrative officer or his or her delegate. Persons soliciting on behalf of an organization must have credentials identifying them as authorized agents of the organization. Permission to solicit shall not be used by the organization as an endorsement by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions. No organization may solicit under this subdivision for more than a total of 14 days, whether continuous or intermittent, during each State fiscal year.
- 2.11 Goods and Services for Residence Halls. Occasional sales or offers of sales of goods or services that comply with applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations and are conducted solely for the resident(s) of an individual university residence hall room or an individual apartment when a resident of such room or apartment has given specific invitation in advance for salespersons to come to the individual residence hall room or individual apartment for that purpose. This exception does not authorize sales or offers of sales of goods or services within a university residence hall room or apartment by the occupant, door-to-door sales or offers of sales of goods or services, or sales or offers of sales of goods or services to persons who are present in an individual residence hall room or apartment but are not residents of such room or apartment.
- 2.12 Event Sponsors. Under the terms of an approved written agreement, the acknowledgement of a sponsor of an intercollegiate athletics department or athletic event of an institution may be displayed on the official web page of such athletics department and, at the option of the sponsor, a textual hypertext link and/or a graphic hypertext link to the Web page of the sponsor may also

be displayed. Such agreement may also provide for an acknowledgement of the sponsor to be announced over a public address system, displayed on a scoreboard or electronic message center, or displayed by other means at locations designated for that purpose in athletic facilities pursuant to an approved policy of the institution. The content of such acknowledgement and any use of the name, logos, symbols, or marks of an institution by the sponsor must be according to established formats approved by the Trademark Licensing Director or, if nonstandard, have the prior written approval of the Trademark Licensing Director. See also [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 122, Guidelines for Web Site Solicitations](#).

- 2.13 Electronic Message Centers. Advertising displayed on an outdoor electronic marquee or message center owned and operated by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions.
- 2.14 Athletic Tournaments. Advertising and merchandise displayed at an athletic tournament that is sanctioned by the official national or international organization for such athletic competitions, provided that, such advertising and merchandise is required to be displayed under the terms of one or more contractual agreements between such organization and one or more sponsors and such contracts were in effect prior to the date that an institution was selected as the site for the tournament.
- 2.15 Raffle Tickets. The sale or offer for sale by a registered student organization of charitable raffle tickets on behalf of an organization that is authorized to conduct a charitable raffle under the provisions of *Texas Occupations Code* [Section 2002.001 et seq.](#)
- 2.16 Computer Hardware and Software. The display and demonstration by manufacturers and distributors of personal computer hardware and software suitable for use by students and faculty in the academic programs of an institution and the presentation of information and demonstrations related to remote networks for personal computers by entities that provide access to such networks. Such activities may be conducted once each academic year upon invitation by the president of the

institution or his or her delegate and must be limited to the time and place designated by and under guidelines specified and controlled by the institution. A manufacturer or distributor of personal computer hardware or software or an entity that provides access to remote networks for personal computers may not make sales or take orders.

- 2.17 **Benefit Plan Information.** The distribution or presentation to officers and employees of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions of material related to health benefit plans, life insurance, tax sheltered annuities, retirement plans or programs, or other benefits that are available to such officers and employees through employee benefit plans or programs offered by or approved by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions. Such material may be distributed or presented only at the Office of Human Resources of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions, at the benefits office of a health profession practice plan of a health institution, or at meetings scheduled for that purpose pursuant to guidelines established by the U. T. System Office of Human Resources. Those companies that are currently authorized Optional Retirement Program vendors may, at the invitation of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions, be permitted to engage in on-campus group seminars for the purpose of providing education, product marketing, and participant enrollment, subject to such rules and limitations as the U. T. System may deem necessary and appropriate. Currently authorized Optional Retirement Program vendors may advertise such on-campus meetings throughout the institution, subject to prior approval by the institution. The term "currently authorized Optional Retirement Program vendor" means a company that has a current contractual agreement with the U. T. System to provide Optional Retirement Program products to officers and employees of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions but does not include those companies with grandfathered Optional Retirement Program participation or vendors of Tax Sheltered Annuity products or services.
- 2.18 **Employee Discount Programs.** The distribution or presentation to employees of the U. T. System Administration and any of the institutions of material

related to products and services offered by companies that provide employee discount programs, merchandise membership programs, credit union and banking programs, or other benefits that are available to such officers and employees through discount plans or programs approved by the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions. Such material may be distributed or presented by the Office of Human Resources of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions, with the approval of the institution's president, and placed on institution web pages for the purpose of providing education, product and service information, and participant enrollment, in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs.

- 2.19 Employees. Solicitation by the officers or employees of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions acting in the course and scope of their authority.
- 2.20 Printed Material from U. T. Organizations. Subject to the institution's reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules concerning the time, place, and manner of distribution, sale, or display of material, the distribution, sale, or display by a students' association or a registered student, faculty, or staff organization of printed material (including any newspaper, magazine, or other publication, any leaflet, flyer, or other informal matter or any sign, banner, or exhibit), or the distribution or display of such material, at no cost, by individual students, faculty, or staff, or oral statements by students, faculty, staff, or their associations or registered organizations. A publication within this rule may contain paid advertising, but only if the publication is devoted to promoting the views of a not-for-profit organization or to other bona fide editorial content distinct from the advertising. Printed material and oral statements under this rule may also contain advertising for academic or administrative units of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions, for registered student, faculty, or staff organizations, or for organizations that are not operated for profit. This rule does not authorize any form of advertising except as provided in the preceding two sentences. This rule does not authorize distribution, sale, or display of any publication operated for profit. An organization or

publication is operated for profit if any part of the net earnings of its operation or distribution inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

2.21 Commonly Used Services.

- (a) Designation. The display and distribution of printed material from tables or booths by providers of services that are commonly utilized by students, faculty, and staff of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions, such as financial institutions, long distance telephone carriers, utilities, housing locators, printers and duplicators, tutors, or employment agencies. The Board delegates to the Chancellor or president the authority to designate no more than two one-day periods each academic year for the activities authorized under this provision and will determine their time and place as well as the number of providers who participate. The activities of a provider must be conducted in compliance with State law, Section 1 above, and other U. T. System Administration or institutional guidelines. A provider may not make sales of or take orders for services. The U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions shall charge an appropriate fee for the privilege of conducting such activities. Any provider who violates State law, the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, or the applicable guidelines of the institution in the course of activities permitted under this provision, shall not be permitted to participate in such activities for a period of one (1) year from the date of the violation.
- (b) Restrictions on Credit Card Marketing. An individual who has exercised delegated authority under (a) above to allow campus credit card marketing activities shall comply with all requirements of [Chapter 761 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code](#) and shall assure that a session on credit card and debt education, as well as protecting personal information from identity theft, is included in all orientation programs for new students.

2.22 Athletic Events, Professional Entertainment Touring Events, or Cultural or Historical Festivals or Exhibitions.

- (a) Designation. A president may designate a reasonable number of areas in a reasonable proximity to the exterior of a facility used for intercollegiate athletic events, professional entertainment touring events, or occasional cultural or historical festivals or exhibitions, and may authorize such areas to be used for the display of motor-propelled vehicles and for the location of booths, tables, or kiosks to be used for the display of merchandise, the distribution of free samples of merchandise, and the display and distribution of printed material related to merchandise, products, or services. Such activities may be authorized only on the day before and the day or days of an intercollegiate athletic event, a professional entertainment touring event, a cultural or historical festival or exhibition, or an event that is related to athletics that takes place in the facility. The president may designate a reasonable number of areas inside a facility to be used for intercollegiate athletic events, professional entertainment touring events, or cultural or historical festivals or exhibitions for such activities if the safety officer of the institution approves the designation and use of the area. All persons engaged in or associated with such displays and distributions must conduct those activities in compliance with State law, the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, and with other guidelines specified by the institution. Such persons may not make sales of or take orders for such vehicles, merchandise, products, or services. The institution shall charge an appropriate fee for the privilege of using such areas. Persons or entities that violate State law, the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, or the applicable guidelines of the institution while using designated areas under this provision shall not be permitted to engage in activities under this provision for a period of one (1) year from the date of the violation.
- (b) Restrictions on Credit Card Marketing. An individual who has exercised delegated authority under (a)

above to allow campus credit card marketing activities shall comply with all requirements of [Chapter 761 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code](#) and shall assure that a session on credit card and debt education, as well as protecting personal information from identity theft, is included in all orientation programs for new students.

- 2.23 Elections. In the course of an election process held pursuant to the approved constitution, bylaws, or election code of the faculty governance organization or of the student government organization of an institution or an election held pursuant to the approved rules, regulations, or policies of an institution, requests may be made to support or to vote for or against a qualified candidate for an office or position to be filled at such election or to support or to vote for or against a proposition to be decided at such election. Such request may be made only by the candidates for an office or position; by a registered student, faculty, or staff organization and its members; or by a student, faculty member, or staff member. Individuals and organizations making such requests must conduct all activities in compliance with the approved time, place, and manner regulations of the institution and the provisions of the constitution, bylaws, election code, rules, regulations, or policies authorizing the election. No faculty member, staff member, or student employee may engage in such activities during any period that he or she is being paid to perform services for an institution.
- 2.24 Support of a Candidate or Proposition.
- (a) By institution students, faculty, or staff or registered organization. The request to support or to vote for or against a candidate for an elective position or office or for or against a proposition on a ballot for a public election held pursuant to federal, State, or local laws when such request is made by a registered student, faculty, or staff organization, or by a student, faculty member, or staff member. Persons or organizations must conduct such activities in compliance with the first paragraph of Section 2; the time, place, and manner regulations of the institution; and the provisions of federal, State, or local laws governing

such election. Persons or organizations may not use any equipment, supplies, or services of an institution. No faculty member, staff member, or student employee may engage in such activities during any period that he or she is being paid to perform duties for an institution. No registered student, faculty, or staff organization that receives State funds from any source may engage in such activities.

- (b) By non-institution persons or organizations. The request to support or to vote for or against a candidate for an elective position or office or for or against a proposition on a ballot for a public election held pursuant to federal, State, or local laws when such request is made by a non-institution person or organization when the polls are open for voting during the early voting period or voting period in which an institution building is being used as a polling place. Persons or organizations must conduct such activities in compliance with the first paragraph of Section 2; the time, place, and manner regulations of the institution; and the provisions of federal, State, or local laws governing such election, including *Texas Election Code* [Sections 61.003](#), [85.001](#), and [85.036](#).

- 2.25 Web Page Link. The placement on an institution web page (as defined below) of textual and graphic information and a hypertext link to the web site of a person or commercial entity for which the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions may receive revenue or avoid costs as a result of the permitted Solicitation ("Web Site Solicitation"). Web Site Solicitations must be placed on institution web pages in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. An institution web page is a page created or maintained by or on behalf of an institution or an office, department, or division of an institution, and located within an institution's information technology environment.
- 2.26 Roommate Advertisements. Subject to the institution's reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules concerning time, place, and manner of posting, students, faculty, and staff may post advertisements for roommates, subleases, and

sales of used goods that the seller has personally owned and used.

2.27 Bicycle Share Programs. Subject to the institutions' reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules concerning time, place, and manner of posting, advertising displayed on bicycles and on and around kiosks participating in bicycle share programs approved by the institution.

Sec. 3 Impermissible Solicitation. All permissible Solicitation must be conducted in compliance with the first paragraph of Section 2 and the time, place, and manner regulations of the institution. If, after reasonable investigation, it is determined that impermissible Solicitation is being or has been conducted or that permissible Solicitation is being or has been conducted in violation of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* or the approved rules and regulations of the institution (1) a student, a faculty member, or a staff member will be subject to such disciplinary penalty as may be appropriate, and (2) a students' association or a registered student, faculty, or staff organization shall be prohibited from Solicitation for such period or periods of time as may be appropriate. In the case of repeated violations, the registered status of the organization may be cancelled or other appropriate penalties may be imposed. Any penalty or penalties must be imposed pursuant to the due process procedures of applicable Regents' *Rules and Regulations* or approved policies and guidelines of the U. T. System Administration or any of the institutions.

Sec. 4 Disclosure of Solicitation. A students' association and each registered student organization shall, within 30 days after the beginning of each long session semester, file with the Dean of Students or other appropriate official a statement fully disclosing the sources and amounts of money obtained from Solicitations during the preceding semester or summer session and fully disclosing the purposes and amounts of the expenditures made during the preceding semester or summer session. Any organization failing to comply with the provisions of this Rule shall be prohibited from Solicitation activities until the organization files the required report.

3. Definitions

Solicitation – means the sale, lease, rental or offer for sale, lease, rental of any property, product, merchandise, publication, or service, whether for

immediate or future delivery; an oral statement or the distribution or display of printed material, merchandise, or products that is designed to encourage the purchase, use, or rental of any property, product, merchandise, publication, or service; the receipt of or request for any gift or contribution; or the request to support or oppose or to vote for or against a candidate, issue, or proposition appearing on the ballot at any election held pursuant to State or federal law or local ordinances.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 572.060](#) – Solicitation of or Recommendations regarding Contributions to Charitable Organizations and Governmental Entities

Texas Occupations Code [Section 2002.001 et seq.](#) – Charitable Raffles

[Chapter 761 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code](#) - Credit Card Marketing at Postsecondary Educational Institutions

Texas Election Code [Section 61.003](#) – Electioneering and Loitering Near Polling Place

Texas Election Code [Section 85.001](#) – Early Voting Period

Texas Election Code [Section 85.036](#) – Electioneering

[Texas Tax Code](#)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 122, Guidelines for Web Site Solicitations](#)

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 141, Employee Discount Programs](#)

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students
Police Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs
Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Use of Facilities

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Use by Registered Organizations. Subject to constitutional and statutory restrictions on the use of State property for religious or political purposes, a students' association; a registered student, faculty, or staff organization; or an officially recognized alumni association that qualifies under [Rule 80103](#), Section 2.9 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* and whose fund-raising activities are dedicated to the benefit of the U. T. System or any of the institutions, may reserve and use buildings, grounds, and facilities owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions in compliance with reasonable and nondiscriminatory time, place, and manner provisions of the approved regulations of the U. T. System or any of the institutions. Such regulations shall specify the procedures under which such organizations may reserve the buildings, grounds, and facilities for their use. Such use must be for purposes permitted by the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* and be conducted in compliance with [Rule 80103](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*. Groups of students, faculty, or staff who are not registered or groups of alumni other than officially recognized alumni associations whose fund-raising activities are dedicated to the benefit of any institution may not use the institution's buildings, facilities, or grounds.

Sec. 2 Use by Non-registered Organizations. A students' association, a registered student, faculty, or staff organization, or an alumni association may not reserve or use facilities owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions for the purpose of engaging in any project or program with any association, organization, or corporation, or with any individual or group of individuals that are not registered.

Sec. 3 Permissible Activity. In compliance with reasonable and nondiscriminatory regulations of the U. T. System or any of the institutions, students, faculty, or staff or their registered or non-registered organizations, may petition, post signs, distribute literature, set up tables and exhibits, or peacefully demonstrate on property owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions, provided that the posting of signs and the setting up of tables and exhibits may require prior authorization.

Sec. 4 Impermissible Activity. No person, including a student or employee of an institution, shall distribute any petition, handbill, object, or piece of literature; post or carry any sign, placard, or banner; or engage in speech or conduct on property or in buildings or facilities owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions if it is obscene, libelous, or directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action.

3. Definitions

Student Registered Organization – an organization that complies with the registration procedures set by the chief student affairs officer.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations; Penalty

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 80103](#) – Solicitation

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students
Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Joint Sponsorship of the Use of Property or Buildings

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Joint Sponsorship Permitted. Except as permitted in [Rules 80103](#), [80106](#), [80108](#), and [80112](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, the use of property or buildings owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions by individuals who are not students, faculty, or staff; by groups that are not registered student, faculty, or staff organizations; or by associations or corporations for programs or activities must be jointly sponsored by the institutions of the U. T. System and shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 1.1 The program or activity must be upon the invitation of the institutions of the U. T. System. Only the Chancellor of the U. T. System or the president of an institution, or his or her delegate, can authorize joint sponsorship.
- 1.2 For joint sponsorship to be appropriate, the implications of a program or activity must, in the determination of the Chancellor or President, directly supplement the educational purposes of the institution.
- 1.3 Established as public institutions without regard to political affiliation or religious faith the institutions of the U. T. System cannot be a joint sponsor for political or sectarian gatherings.
- 1.4 The institutions of the U. T. System will be responsible for all details of the program or activity, and reserves the right to approve all copy for advertising and news releases, and may require an accounting of the income and expenses directly related to the program or activity.
- 1.5 The scheduling of property or buildings for programs or activities of any institutions of the U. T. System shall always have priority over the scheduling for programs or activities that are jointly sponsored.
- 1.6 The fee to be paid by the invited individual, group, association, or corporation will be a matter for negotiation in each case and will be specified in the agreement

providing for the joint sponsorship. At a minimum, the fee must ensure recovery of the cost incurred by the institution.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Constitution Article III, [Section 51](#) – Grants of Public Money Prohibited; Exceptions

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80101](#) – Category of Facilities and Authorized Users

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80103](#) – Solicitation

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80106](#) – Special Use Facilities

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80108](#) – Use of Facilities for Weddings

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80112](#) – Residential Conference Centers

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students
Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Special Use Facilities

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Designation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Rule, the president of an institution or Chancellor may designate specific facilities, such as special event centers, conference centers, concert halls, theaters, or auditoria, as Special Use Facilities.

Sec. 2 Rules for Use. Appropriate rules and regulations must be included in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* and must restrict the reservation and use of such facilities in accordance with the following:

- 2.1 Designation as a Special Use Facility shall not constitute the facility as a public facility or forum that is open to use by individuals, groups, associations, or corporations on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 2.2 Priority in the reservation and use of Special Use Facilities shall be given to programs and activities of the U. T. System or any of the institutions that are in furtherance of and related to the educational, cultural, recreational, and athletic programs of the U. T. System or any of the institutions.
- 2.3 As a lower priority, the rules and regulations may provide for reservation and use of Special Use Facilities by individuals, groups, associations, or corporations without the necessity of joint sponsorship by the U. T. System or any of the institutions. Subject to all constitutional and statutory provisions relating to the use of State property or funds for religious or political purposes, Special Use Facilities may be made available for religious and political conferences or conventions. Rates must be charged for the use of the Special Use Facility that, at a minimum, ensure recovery of that part of the operating cost of the facility attributable directly or indirectly to such use. Agreements for the use of Special Use Facilities shall be consistent with model contracts developed by the Office of General Counsel.

- 2.4 The rules and regulations applicable to a Special Use Facility may provide for the rental of space for display of advertising and the display of samples of merchandise in designated areas inside the Facility that have been approved by the president of the institution or his or her delegate, or the Chancellor, and for advertising by displays on an electronic scoreboard or message center inside the Facility or on the Facility's outdoor electronic marquee or message center. Such rules and regulations may further provide for the sale of advertising space on ticket envelopes for events sponsored by the Facility and in any publication of the Facility distributed in connection with a sponsored event or announcing future sponsored events.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 2165.002](#) – Exceptions to Commission Charge and Control

Texas Government Code [Section 2203.004](#) – Requirement to Use State Property for State Purposes

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80105](#) – Joint Sponsorship of the Use of Property or Buildings

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students
Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Expenditures for the Maintenance of University Residences

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. The purpose of this Rule is to prescribe, clarify, and provide uniformity in the approval, review, and audit of Expenditures for the Maintenance of University Residences.

Sec. 2 Maintenance of University Residences. All Expenditures for the Maintenance of University Residences that exceed \$10,000 must be approved in advance by a committee composed of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and the General Counsel to the Board of Regents. Prior approval by the committee is not required for expenditures made on an emergency basis to prevent damage to property.

2.1 Bauer House Expenditures. Expenditures for the maintenance of Bauer House in excess of \$1,000 must be reviewed and approved by the General Counsel to the Board of Regents but may be reviewed after payment.

2.2 Hoover House Expenditures. Expenditures for the maintenance of Hoover House in excess of \$1,000 must be reviewed and approved by the institution's chief business officer but may be reviewed after payment.

2.3 Juanita Curry Boynton House Expenditures. Expenditures for the maintenance of Juanita Curry Boynton House in excess of \$1,000 must be reviewed and approved by the institution's chief business officer but may be reviewed after payment.

Sec. 3 Documentation and Review. Expenditures for the Maintenance of University Residences must be supported by appropriate receipts and must follow all applicable procedures for the procurement of services, supplies, or equipment.

Sec. 4 Reporting. An annual report of Expenditures for the Maintenance of each University Residence will be prepared not later than the 30th day of October and filed for review with the General Counsel to the Board of Regents, for Bauer House, and with the institution's chief business officer, for Hoover House

and Juanita Curry Boynton House. The report for the Bauer House will be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Regents for review.

- 4.1 The annual reports must include each expense that exceeds \$1,000 and must include the payee, the date and amount of the expense, the type, and the account charged for the expense.

Sec. 5 Audits. The System Audit Office shall audit Expenditures for the Maintenance of a University Residences at a minimum after the first full fiscal year after assuming residency and periodically thereafter, based on an assessment of risk factors.

3. Definitions

Expenditures for the Maintenance of University Residences – includes expenses for the furnishing, maintenance, or repair of a University Residence or its grounds owned by the U. T. System.

The University Residences – are the following:

Bauer House – Residence of the Chancellor of the U. T. System, located in Austin, Texas

Hoover House – Residence of the President of U. T. El Paso, located in El Paso, Texas

Juanita Curry Boynton House – Residence of the President of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 2203.004](#) – Requirement to Use State Property for State Purposes

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Chancellor
General Counsel to the Board of Regents
Chief Audit Executive

Executive Vice Chancellors
Presidents
Chief Business Officers
Internal Audit Directors

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

System Audit Office
Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Use of Facilities for Weddings

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Designation of Area. The president of an institution and the Chancellor of the U. T. System may designate one or more indoor and/or outdoor areas that may be used for weddings, subject to the following conditions:
- 1.1 Use of such space for activities of an institution or the U. T. System shall have priority over weddings.
 - 1.2 A charge for the use of such space will be made that at least recovers the actual cost.
 - 1.3 The user shall be required to provide for adequate insurance and to execute a Facilities Use Agreement, the form and content of which has been approved by U. T. System Administration's Office of General Counsel.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations; Penalty

Texas Government Code [Section 2165.002](#) – State Buildings, Grounds, and Property, Exceptions to Texas Facilities Commission Charge and Control

Texas Government Code [Section 2203.004](#) – Requirement to Use State Property for State Purposes

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Parking and Traffic Regulations

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Delegation of Authority. The Board of Regents delegates to the Chancellor and presidents of the U. T. System institutions the authority to establish parking and traffic regulations at the institutions of the U. T. System and U. T. System Administration. Substantive changes require review and approval by the Office of General Counsel.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202\(a\)](#) – Rules and Regulations

Texas Education Code [Section 54.505](#) – Vehicle Registration Fees and Other Fees Related to Parking and Traffic

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 40401](#) – Assessment, Collection, Delegation, and Waiver of Tuition and Fees

6. Who Should Know

Chief Business Officers
Presidents

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Protection of Artificial Bodies of Water and Other Property

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Protection of Artificial Bodies of Water. Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Board of Regents by *Texas Education Code* Sections [51.202](#) and [51.204](#), in order to protect the safety and welfare of students, faculty, and staff and to protect the property, buildings, and facilities of the U. T. System and the institutions, it shall be unlawful for any person to enter, walk, run, lie, play, remain, or be in the water of any fountain or other artificial body of water, which is not designed and maintained for recreational or therapeutic purposes, located on property owned or controlled by the U. T. System or the institutions unless such person has the prior written permission of the Chancellor or president to enter, remain, or be in such water. It shall further be unlawful for any person to dump, throw, place, or cause any material, object, person, animal, trash, waste, or debris to be placed in such fountain or other artificial body of water.

Sec. 2 Protection of Other Property. It shall be unlawful for any person to damage, deface, or remove any portion of any fountain, monument, building, statue, structure, facility, tree, shrub, or memorial located on property owned or controlled by the U. T. System or any of the institutions.

Sec. 3 Punishment. Any person who violates any provision of this Subsection may be convicted of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$200. Students, faculty, or staff who violates any portion of this Rule are also subject to disciplinary action.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations; Penalty

Texas Education Code [Section 51.204](#) – Trespass, Damage, etc.

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students
Police Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Smoke Free or Tobacco Free Policies

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Policies. The institutions of the U. T. System and System Administration may adopt smoke free or tobacco free policies. Such policies shall be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel and shall be consistent with State law.

Sec. 2 Tobacco Use Cessation Services. The U. T. System and U. T. System institutions may provide employees with tobacco use cessation services or make referrals to such services.

Sec. 3 Prohibition of Tobacco Sales. Tobacco sales are prohibited on U. T. System campuses or at University-sponsored events.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Penal Code [Section 48.01](#) – Smoking Tobacco

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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1. Title

Residential Conference Centers

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Designation. The president of an institution may designate rules for a Residential Conference Center that includes rooms for overnight residential guests, rooms for conferences, banquets, and meetings, catering services, and conference and related programming services. The president shall cause to be prepared and submitted for approval, as a part of the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* of the institution, appropriate rules and regulations for the reservation and use of a Residential Conference Center.

Sec. 2 Rules for Use. The rules and regulations must restrict the reservation and use of such facilities in accordance with the following:

2.1 Designation. Designation as a Residential Conference Center shall not constitute the facility as a public facility or forum that is open to use by individuals, groups, associations, or corporations on a first-come, first-served basis.

2.2 Reservations. Priority in the reservation and use of facilities within a Residential Conference Center shall be given to programs and activities of the U. T. System or any of the institutions that are in furtherance of and related to the academic, educational, cultural, outreach, recreational, and athletic programs of the U. T. System or any of the institutions.

2.3 Use of Facilities. As a lower priority, the rules and regulations may provide for reservation and use of facilities within a Residential Conference Center by individuals, groups, associations, or corporations without the necessity of joint sponsorship by the U. T. System or any of the institutions and within accepted industry standards and the needs of the institution. Subject to all constitutional and statutory provisions relating to the use of State property or funds for religious or political purposes, facilities within a Residential Conference Center may be made available for religious and political

conferences, debates, or conventions. A Residential Conference Center may be used for purposes such as banquets or conferences by entities that use annual conferences or other similar activities to acquire operational funds for the entities. Rates for such use must be charged that, at a minimum, ensure recovery of that part of the operating cost of the Center attributable directly or indirectly to such use; provided, however, that the manager of the facility may grant complimentary rooms or food as is ordinary and customary in the operation of similar facilities for promotional or customer relations purposes if it is reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility.

- 2.4 Rental. The rules and regulations applicable to a Residential Conference Center may provide for the rental of space for display of advertising and the display of samples of merchandise in designated areas inside the Residential Conference Center that have been approved by the president of the institution or his or her delegate, and for advertising by displays on a message center inside the Center or on the Center's outdoor electronic marquee, message center, or other signage. A Conference Center retail store operation for goods related to conferences or guest services as well as sales of books, other educational products, software, or related products within the Conference Center shall be allowed and considered within Section 2.5 of Rule 80103 on Solicitation.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.202](#) – Rules and Regulations, Penalty

Texas Government Code [Section 2165.002](#) – Exceptions to Commission Charge and Control

Texas Government Code [Section 2203.004](#) – Requirement to Use State Property for State Purposes

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80105](#) – Joint Sponsorship of the Use of Property or Buildings

6. Who Should Know

Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

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1. Title

Disposal of U. T. Surplus Property

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Determination of Obsolescence. Whenever any item of equipment becomes obsolete or useless for the needs and purposes of the department concerned, a written report of such fact shall be made to the chief business officer to determine whether or not such item of equipment is needed by any other department and, if so, to transfer and assign the equipment to such department.

Sec. 2 Transfer to Public School. If the chief business officer determines that the equipment is not needed for any department, that it is not practical to store the equipment for possible future use, and that the equipment can be used for instructional purposes, it shall be made available to a public school, school district, or an assistance organization designated by the school district at a price or for other consideration agreeable to the U. T. System and the public school, school district, or the assistance organization in accordance with *Texas Government Code* [Section 2175.304\(b\)](#) before disposing of the property in another manner. Preference must be given to a public school or school district or to an assistance organization designated by the school district before disposing of the property in another manner. If more than one public school, school district, or assistance organization seeks to acquire the same equipment on substantially the same terms, the preferences stated in *Texas Government Code* [Section 2175.304\(c\)](#) shall govern the disposition. The instructional equipment may be transferred to the public school or school district for such consideration, or for no consideration, as the chief business officer determines appropriate. Any surplus or salvage property not otherwise disposed of under this Section and having no resale value may be donated to an assistance organization, as defined by *Texas Government Code* [Section 2175.001\(1\)](#).

Sec. 3 Disposal of Information Technology Equipment. Surplus or salvage information technology equipment, as defined by *Texas Government Code* [Section 2054.003\(3\)\(A\)](#), that is not transferred to a public school, school district, or an assistance organization designated by the school district as provided in

Section 2 above or that is not disposed of under other law must be offered next and at no charge to a school district, an open-enrollment charter school, or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in accordance with *Texas Government Code* [Section 2175.905](#).

- Sec. 4 Disposal Provisions. Surplus or salvage equipment that is not disposed of as provided in Sections 1, 2, or 3 above shall be disposed of in accordance with the following provisions:
- 4.1 For items of little value or limited use where sale on competitive bids is not practicable, the chief business officer shall have the authority to dispose of the property on the basis of negotiated bids or surplus auction in amounts under \$50,000.
 - 4.2 Sale of property estimated to bring \$50,000 or more shall be made on a basis of competitive bids.
 - 4.3 A sale in the amount of \$100,000 or more shall be approved in advance by the Chancellor and approved by the Board of Regents through the Consent Agenda; provided, however, that in the event of a catastrophic occurrence where insurable property losses are expected to exceed the institution's \$250,000 deductible under the U. T. System's Comprehensive Property Protection Plan (CPPP), the chief business officer of an institution is authorized to enter into contracts to dispose of damaged institution property, including equipment, in a manner deemed to be in the interest of the institution consistent with State law and Regents' Rule 10501.
 - 4.4 Sales to employees are governed by the provisions of [The University of Texas Systemwide Policy UTS 159](#) regarding purchasing.
- Sec. 5 Donations to Charitable Organizations. If an item of surplus or salvage equipment is not disposed of as provided in this Rule and the chief business officer determines that the item is of nominal use or value, the chief business officer may direct that the item be donated to a civic or charitable organization or destroyed. If the chief business officer directs the donation of the item to a civic or charitable organization, he or she shall assure that the donation serves a proper public purpose appropriate to the function of the U. T. System or any of the

institutions, adequate consideration flows to the public, and sufficient controls are in place to ensure the public purpose is achieved.

- Sec. 6 Sale of Artwork or Duplicate Volumes. When the president of an institution determines that a work of art or a duplicate of a valuable, rare, or significant volume is no longer of significant use for the purposes of teaching or research, the item is subject to sale following the procedure outlined in this Section. The disposability and current fair market value of the item shall be certified by a three-member panel (including either an art historian or a bibliographer) and the director of the collection disposing of the property. U. T. System and any of the institutions shall be given first choice in acquiring the item before it is offered for sale. Proceeds from the sale shall be used for purchases to improve the collection from which the item was drawn or to select items more appropriate to the institution's collection areas. Sale is subject to the approval of the president and must be for the fair market value of the item. A permanent record shall be made of the disposition and future location of the item.
- Sec. 7 Transfer of Property. Property may be transferred from one State agency to another when it becomes surplus. Such transfers from one institution to another or from an institution to another State agency shall have the advance approval of the chief business officer concerned and shall be reported to the president. The chief business officer shall advise departments and administrative offices as to the procedure to be followed in disposing of or acquiring property by this means.
- Sec. 8 Transfers of Data Processing Equipment to Hospitals Located in Rural Counties. Notwithstanding the requirements of this Rule, a U. T. institution or U. T. System may donate data processing equipment that is surplus or salvage property to a public or private hospital located in a rural county. For the purposes of this Rule, "rural county" has the meaning assigned by *Texas Government Code* [Section 487.301](#).

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 487.301](#) – Definitions, Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement

Texas Government Code [Section 2054.003\(3\)\(A\)](#), – Information Resources Definitions

Texas Government Code [Section 2175.304\(b\)](#) – Exception for Institutions of Higher Education

Texas Government Code [Section 2175.905](#) – Disposition of Data Processing Equipment

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 159, Purchasing](#)

6. Who Should Know

Employees
Chief Business Officers
Property Managers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Capital Improvement Program

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Annual Status Report. The University of Texas System Administration will maintain a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on an ongoing basis. Although the CIP is a dynamic document subject to change throughout the year, a report detailing the current status of the CIP will be formally presented to the Board of Regents no less than annually.
- Sec. 2 Contents of Program. The CIP will consist of a six-year projection of major new construction and repair and rehabilitation projects (Major Projects) to be implemented and funded from institution and Systemwide revenue sources. The CIP should be a current reflection of the institutions' continuous processes of strategic planning and master planning for institutional programs.
- Sec. 3 Modifications to the CIP. The CIP is subject to modification at any Board of Regents' meeting. Candidate projects will routinely be added to the CIP, and project information such as funding sources, project cost, and delivery dates will routinely be revised. Requests to add to or modify the CIP will be reviewed in accordance with the processes administered by the Office of Capital Projects.
- Sec. 4 Major Projects.
- (a) Major Project – Any project that meets one or more of the following criteria: 1) new building construction with a total project cost of \$10 million or more, 2) road, paving, and repair and rehabilitation projects with a total project cost of \$10 million or more, and 3) any project determined by the Board to be architecturally or historically significant.
 - (b) An institution's dollar threshold for defining a Major Project may be increased from \$10 million up to \$25 million by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, if it is determined that the institution has the expertise to plan, design, and implement such projects.

Preliminary Cost Expenditures for Major Projects. Approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor will allow a Major Project to proceed to the Definition Phase. The Definition Phase provides authority for the U.T. System Administration and the institutional administration to expend institutional funds up to 5% of the anticipated total project cost to select the project architect and other consultants, confirm the basis of design, develop the formal Facility Program document, and develop schematic project plans. These funds will be provided by the institution initially but will be reimbursed to the institution from applicable project funds upon design development approval.

- Sec. 5 Addition of a Major Project to the CIP. Following the Definition Phase, addition of a project to the CIP provides authority for the U. T. System Administration and the institutional administration to expend institutional funds up to 10% of the anticipated total project cost to proceed to design development approval. These funds will be provided by the institution initially but will be reimbursed to the institution from applicable project funds upon design development approval.
- Sec. 6 Management of a Major Project. Each project added to the CIP will, at that time, be designated as being managed by the institution or by the Office of Capital Projects. An institution may manage a Major Project if authority to do so has been delegated by the Office of Capital Projects. A list of institutions which have been delegated authority to manage all Major Projects at that institution can be found [here](#). Other institutions may be delegated authority to manage specific projects. In the absence of such delegation, the institution's Major Projects will be managed by the Office of Capital Projects. Projects designated for institutional management shall follow the process, authority, and approvals as outlined in [Rule 80404](#) for the full amount stipulated in the CIP. Projects managed by the Office of Capital Projects shall follow the process, authority, and approvals as outlined in [Rule 80402](#).
- Sec. 7 Timing of Student Election. For such additions to the CIP that are anticipated to be funded in part by student fees, the project must be presented to the Board by the institutional President or his/her delegate and student representative(s) for approval prior to the call for a student election on the authorization or increase of the associated fee. This Section does not require a student election if one is not otherwise required by statute.

3. Definitions

Definition Phase – An early, pre-CIP phase of project planning expected to more accurately resolve scope and cost confirmations for the proposed project, which includes the appointment of a Project Advocate.

Facility Program – A project planning document that organizes and summarizes client needs and programmatic information needed to design a capital project. It is generated through a process of collecting, analyzing, synthesizing, and documenting significant requirements for a Project prior to proceeding into the Design Phase.

Project Advocate – An institutional representative familiar with the programmatic needs of the school, college or department who is formally authorized by the Institution's President to lead the user committees engaged in the pre-project planning effort.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80402](#) – Office of Capital Projects Management of Major Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80404](#) – Institutional Management of Major Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Building Committees

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Building Advisory Committees. There may be a Building Advisory Committee for each institution. The duties, composition, and appointment of the members of the Committee shall be set forth in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* of each institution. The Committee shall have no further direct responsibility after the construction contract is awarded but shall be available for consultation as the building progresses, as requested by the president of the institution, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, or the Office of Capital Projects.
- Sec. 2 Ad Hoc Project Building Committee. The president may appoint, according to the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*, an Ad Hoc Project Building Committee composed of, but not limited to, representatives of the departments or divisions that will occupy the building. The chairperson of the Building Advisory Committee shall be an *ex officio* member of each Ad Hoc Project Building Committee. The Ad Hoc Building Committee shall prepare a facility program in cooperation with the Office of Capital Projects for projects managed by that office or with the institutional personnel for projects managed by an institution.
- Sec. 3 Architect Selection Advisory Committees. Architect Selection Advisory Committees for projects managed by the Office of Capital Projects shall be appointed by the institutional president in consultation with that office. For projects managed by the Office of Capital Projects, the Architect Selection Advisory Committee is authorized to evaluate, rank, and make selection recommendations of project architects for appointment by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, with the exception of Special Interest Projects discussed in Section 4 below. For projects managed by an institution, Architect Selection Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the president of the institution and follow the institution's processes.
- Sec. 4 Special Interest Projects. Upon recommendation of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects following consultation with the Chairman of the Facilities Planning and

Construction Committee, a project may be designated by the Board of Regents to be of special interest because of proposed building site, historical or cultural significance, proposed use, or other unique characteristics. For these special interest projects, the institutional president, in consultation with the Office of Capital Projects, will appoint an Architect Selection Advisory Committee that may include any two members of the Board of Regents named by the Chairman of the Board. The Architect Selection Advisory Committee will investigate the competence and qualifications of the candidates. Board members of the Architect Selection Advisory Committee will report the findings and recommendations based on the interviews to the FPCC. The FPCC may select an architect from this list, or may ask the Selection Advisory Committee for additional recommendations of architects responding to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), or may select an architect responding to the RFQ but not on the list on the basis of competence and qualifications. The FPCC may conduct interviews and site visits as necessary and will select the most qualified architect for the project based on demonstrated competence, qualifications, and the criteria published in the RFQ, without consideration of fees or costs.

- Sec. 5 Selection Committee for Construction Firms. Selection Committees for Major Projects managed by the Office of Capital Projects shall be appointed by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects in consultation with the institutional president. Selection Committees for Minor Projects and institutionally managed Major Projects shall be appointed by the president of the institution. Selection Committees are authorized to evaluate, rank, and make selection recommendations of design-build contractors, construction manager-agents, construction managers-at-risk, general contractors, and job order contractors on the basis of qualifications and competitive sealed proposals in response to RFQs and Requests for Proposals (RFPs). Selection Committees are also authorized to enter into discussions for modification and negotiation of competitive sealed proposals in response to requests for proposals with respondents, as required or permitted by law.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

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1. Title

Use of the Available University Fund

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Impact of Spending. Any staff recommendation to appropriate funds from the Available University Fund (AUF) or from Permanent University Fund (PUF) Bond Proceeds will be presented in the context of that appropriation's impact on: (a) AUF funding for the support and maintenance of U. T. Austin, (b) bond ratings, and (c) projected AUF balances. These impacts will be considered to provide a consistent and dependable level of funding.

Sec. 2 Required Reports. To determine the appropriate level of spending of the AUF, the following reports will be provided to the Board of Regents:

2.1 A forecast of at least six years of the income and expenditures of the AUF will be presented as needed to the Board of Regents' Finance and Planning Committee. The University Lands Office shall provide to The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) a forecast of revenue expected to be derived from PUF lands and deposited into the PUF. UTIMCO shall provide to the Office of Finance a forecast of PUF distributions to the AUF, based on expected PUF land contributions and investment returns, which will serve as the basis of the AUF forecast. Included as part of the AUF forecast will be the projected amount of remaining PUF debt capacity as calculated by the Office of Finance.

2.2 In May of each year, the Board of Regents shall determine an amount to be distributed to the AUF during the next fiscal year. Unless otherwise approved by the Board of Regents or prohibited by the Texas Constitution, the default PUF distribution shall be based on the following formula:

- (a) Increase the prior year's distribution amount by the sum of the average inflation rate (Consumer Price Index, C.P.I.) for the previous 12 quarters plus 2.65%, unless further modified pursuant to Subsections b) and c) below.
- (b) If the inflationary increase in step a) results in a distribution rate below 3.5% of the trailing 20-quarter average of the net asset value of the PUF for the quarter ending February of each year, the distribution shall be increased to 3.5%.
- (c) If the inflationary increase in step a) results in a distribution rate exceeding 6.0% of the trailing 20-quarter average of the net asset value of the PUF for the quarter ending February of each year, the distribution increase shall be capped at 6.0%.

2.3 The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be updated quarterly and reviewed with the Board of Regents every year. The updated CIP will include an estimated start date for each project, which will be based on the criteria set forth in Section 3.2 below, project readiness, projected fund availability, and relative urgency of need for the completed project.

Sec. 3 Individual Projects. The following items will be done when preparing requests of AUF expenditures:

- 3.1 As a part of each agenda item requesting approval of AUF expenditures or PUF funded projects, a statement indicating compliance with this policy shall be included.
- 3.2 In preparing recommendations for projects to be approved, the staff will be guided by the following justification criteria:
 - (a) consistency with institution's mission;
 - (b) project need;
 - (c) unique opportunity;
 - (d) matching funds/leverage;

- (e) cost effectiveness;
- (f) state of existing facility condition; and
- (g) other available funding sources.

3.3 No project will be recommended for approval, if in any of the forecasted years the required appropriations from the AUF or PUF bond proceeds would cause:

- (a) the forecasted AUF expenditures for program enrichment at U. T. Austin to fall below the previously approved percentage of the sum of the projected U. T. System share of the net divisible AUF annual income and interest income on AUF balances [subject to the limits imposed by (b) and (c) below];
- (b) debt service coverage to be less than 1.50:1.00; and
- (c) the forecasted end of year AUF balance to be less than \$50 million.

Sec. 4 System Administration Budget. Operating expenditures of the U. T. System Administration will be carefully controlled to maximize the opportunity to meet the capital needs of the institutions of the U. T. System and the operating budget needs of U. T. Austin. Wherever possible, alternate funding from institutions, State funds, or other sources will be sought. Programs for which alternative funding cannot be obtained will be evaluated for possible reductions or phase-out.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

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1. Title

Debt Policy

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. This policy governs the use of debt to finance capital projects within The University of Texas System. The prudent use of debt can help the U. T. System achieve its strategic objectives while maintaining a credit rating that appropriately balances financial flexibility with cost of capital.

Sec. 2 Financing Programs. The U. T. System issues debt through two primary programs: the Revenue Financing System (RFS) and the Permanent University Fund (PUF). This policy will govern the issuance of all U. T. System debt.

2.1 Revenue Financing System. The RFS was created by the Board of Regents through the adoption of a Master Resolution on February 14, 1991. The Board established the RFS to assemble the U. T. System's revenue-supported debt capacity into a single financing program to provide a cost-effective debt program to institutions of the U. T. System and to maximize the financing options available to the Board.

2.2 Permanent University Fund. [Article VII, Section 18](#) of the Texas Constitution authorizes the Board of Regents to issue bonds and notes secured by the U. T. System's interest in the Available University Fund (AUF). The AUF consists of distributions from the total return of PUF investments. The Texas Constitution limits the amount of PUF debt that may be issued by the U. T. System to 20% of the cost value of investments and other assets of the PUF. The Texas Constitution prohibits the issuance of PUF debt for auxiliary projects.

Sec. 3 Authority. All debt incurred by the U. T. System will be issued or incurred pursuant to resolutions approved by the Board of Regents and in accordance with the general laws of the State of Texas, including particularly [Article VII, Section 18](#) of the Texas Constitution, [Chapters 55](#) and [65](#) of the *Texas Education Code*, and [Chapters 1207](#) and [1371](#) of the *Texas Government Code*. Before any debt can be issued, the U. T. System must obtain an opinion from bond counsel that the issue complies with applicable Texas and federal laws. The U. T. System must also

receive the necessary approvals from both the Texas Bond Review Board and the Texas Attorney General.

- Sec. 4 Debt Guidelines. Any debt must be issued in strict compliance with applicable law. The following debt guidelines will apply:
- 4.1 Project Funding. The U. T. System will borrow money, through the issuance of debt, to finance only those projects that have been approved for financing by the Board of Regents. Capital projects are generally evaluated and prioritized through the U. T. System's Capital Improvement Program. For construction projects that require debt financing, bond proceeds will be provided only after design development approval and appropriation of funds by the Board.
 - 4.2 Interest Rate Exposure. System Administration's Office of Finance will evaluate and determine the appropriate amount of its interest rate exposure, defined as the possible increase in capital costs resulting from rising short-term interest rates. The U. T. System will limit its variable rate debt in accordance with rating agency guidelines for assessing the debt structure of peer institutions of higher education with comparable credit ratings. In determining the amount of variable rate debt, the Office of Finance will evaluate the level of variable rate assets that may be available to provide a natural hedge to interest rate fluctuations. The U. T. System will seek to minimize its cost of capital within a prudent level of exposure to interest rate volatility. The U. T. System shall broadly target variable rate debt of 30-50% of total outstanding debt.
 - 4.3 Amortization. The amortization of tax-exempt debt will be based on the types of assets financed, the expected availability of cash flows to meet debt service requirements, and tax regulations. Generally, the amortization of tax-exempt debt should not exceed the useful life of the financed asset and may never exceed the Internal Revenue Service limit of 120% of the useful life of the financed asset. The maximum maturity of RFS debt is limited to 50 years by [Chapter 55](#) of the *Texas Education Code*. The maximum maturity of PUF debt is limited to 30 years by [Article VII, Section 18](#) of the Texas Constitution.

- 4.4 Financial Ratios. The U. T. System will use selected actual and pro forma financial ratios, consistent with major credit rating agency criteria, to ensure the U. T. System is operating within appropriate financial bounds.
- 4.5 Economies of Scale. Debt financings will be coordinated to the extent practicable so that multiple project needs can be accommodated in a single borrowing, thereby increasing the efficiency of the debt issuance. Since many issuance costs do not vary with the size of a borrowing, a large bond issue increases the efficiency of the financing by spreading fixed costs over a greater number of projects.
- 4.6 Refunding Opportunities. The Office of Finance will actively consider refinancing of outstanding debt issues when net savings for that refinancing measured on a net present value basis are positive. Since there are limitations on the number of allowable refinancings, it is important to use refinancing opportunities wisely. In evaluating refunding opportunities, the Office of Finance will consider the value of the call option to be exercised, including the amount of time to the call date and the amount of time from the call date to maturity. Based on these and other factors, the Office of Finance will determine the minimum savings threshold for any particular refunding transaction. Refundings that do not produce savings may be considered under certain circumstances, such as eliminating restrictive bond covenants or other situations that produce a greater benefit to the U. T. System.
- 4.7 Disclosure. The Office of Finance will provide updated financial information and operating data and timely notice of specified material events to each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository and any State information depository, pursuant to its continuing disclosure undertakings with respect to [Rule 15c2-12](#) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.8 Hedging Instruments. The Office of Finance will consider the use of interest rate swaps and other interest rate risk management tools after carefully evaluating the risks and benefits of any proposed transaction in accordance with

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70202](#) titled *Interest Rate Swap Policy*. By using swaps in a prudent manner, the U. T. System can take advantage of market opportunities to minimize expected costs and manage interest rate risk. As outlined in Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70202](#), the use of swaps must be tied directly to U. T. System debt instruments. The U. T. System shall not enter into swap transactions for speculative purposes.

- 4.9 Project Financing. The Office of Finance will consider the use of project financing in those limited circumstances where the benefits of such a transaction exceed the increased costs. Project financing can be a useful financing technique in certain circumstances; however, these transactions are typically less efficient and more costly than traditional financing due to lower credit ratings, fewer economies of scale, the funding of a reserve fund, and the cost of bond insurance. Project financing does not preserve or increase debt capacity relative to traditional financing. The credit rating agencies and the U. T. System include project debt when assessing the debt capacity of institutions of the U. T. System.
- 4.10 Taxable Debt. The U. T. System may use taxable debt for those projects that have an intended use or other characteristics that preclude the use of tax-exempt debt. The U. T. System will strive to allocate its available resources, including equity capital, among its various capital projects to minimize or eliminate the need to issue taxable debt, thereby minimizing the U. T. System's cost of capital. Any use of taxable debt would be subject to the same statutory requirements as tax-exempt debt.
- 4.11 Reporting Requirements. The Annual Financial Report (AFR), prepared by the U. T. System and presented to the Board of Regents, will discuss the status of all outstanding bond and note indebtedness. The AFR presented to the Board provides detailed information on the U. T. System's outstanding bonds and notes including, by series, the amount outstanding, interest rates, maturity dates, a summary of the changes in outstanding indebtedness, and the associated debt service requirements.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Constitution [Article VII, Section 18](#) – Bonds or Notes Payable from Income of Available University Fund

Texas Education Code, Chapter 55 – [Financing Permanent Improvements](#)

Texas Education Code, Chapter 65 – [Administration of the U. T. System](#)

Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207 – [Refunding Bonds](#)

Texas Government Code, Chapter 1371 – [Obligations for Certain Public Improvements](#)

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 70202](#) – Interest Rate Swap Policy

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 193, Internal Lending Program](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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1. Title

Naming Policy

2. Rules and Regulation

Sec. 1 General. Before proceeding with honorific or gift-related namings, institutions must carefully consider all circumstances surrounding the naming, including the overall benefit to the institution and whether displaying the name is and will continue to be a positive reflection on the institution.

1.1 Review. Any naming of Facilities and Programs must undergo a high level of consideration and due diligence to ensure that the name comports with the purpose and mission of the U. T. System and the U. T. System institutions. No naming shall be permitted for any corporation or individual whose public image, products, or services may conflict with such purpose and mission.

1.2 Time Limitation for Approval. Naming approvals granted under this Rule are valid for a period not to exceed 365 days from the date of approval. After approval of a naming, the negotiated gift agreement must be executed within 365 days of that approval. If that does not occur, the naming must be resubmitted for approval by the Board of Regents through the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services unless the Chancellor approves a one-time, 90-day extension of the naming approval, consistent with the requirements of Section 2 below.

Sec. 2 Naming of Prominent Facilities and Prominent Programs.

2.1 Each naming for a Prominent Facility or Prominent Program must be approved by the Board of Regents. Recommendations for namings of any university building or athletic facility, college, school, and academic department or clinical division shall be forwarded to the Board of Regents with recommendations of the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External

Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, and the president of the institution, according to procedures established by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services.

- 2.2 Naming of Other Prominent Facilities and Programs. Each naming for Other Prominent Facilities and Other Prominent Programs may be approved by the Chancellor with recommendations of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, and the president of the institution, according to procedures established by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services. Other Prominent Facilities and Programs may include wings and other major components of academic, medical, athletics, and arts facilities, large auditoria, concert halls, atria, prominent outdoor spaces, and clinics and academic and health programs, centers, institutes, and organized research units. The Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, in consultation with the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, will make final determinations concerning what types of Facilities and Programs will be considered Other Prominent.

- Sec. 3 Naming of Less Prominent Facilities and Less Prominent Programs. The Board of Regents has delegated naming authority for Less Prominent Facilities and Less Prominent Programs to each president based on a set of general guidelines that are reviewed and approved by the Chancellor, except that any Corporate Naming requires approval by the Chancellor and compliance with the procedures set forth below in Section 7, including the requirement for advance consultation. The Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, through consultation with the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the U. T. System institutions, will make final determinations concerning what types of Facilities and Programs may be considered Less Prominent.

- Sec. 4 Naming of Streets. The naming of all streets located on campus must be approved by the Board of Regents. Recommendations for any street names shall be forwarded to the Board of Regents

with recommendations of the Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, and the president of the institution.

Sec. 5 Honorific Naming. As a matter of general practice, namings will recognize significant philanthropic gifts. Under special circumstances, honorific namings may be considered. Honorific namings are exceptional in nature and shall be granted for individuals or organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to a U. T. institution, the state or nation. Recommendations for honorific namings may be proposed by an institution president to the Chancellor, who will determine on a case-by-case basis whether to advance the request to the Board of Regents for consideration.

5.1 Namings Criteria. All requests for honorific namings should identify how the honoree meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) Reflects the mission of the university through remarkable service and leadership of lasting value to the university or society
- (b) Reflects the mission of the university through pinnacle achievements in discovery, scholarly work and citizenship
- (c) Reflects the mission of the university through a longstanding relationship of engagement and support that has contributed to qualitative and transformational university advancements
- (d) Represents the highest degree of historical significance

5.2 Restrictions on Honorific Namings.

- (a) Any naming in honor of U. T. System administrative officials, faculty, or staff members or for elected or appointed public officials shall normally occur at least five years after the individual's retirement from university or public office or death.

(b) Namings that bring into question the reputation of the university are subject to rejection or termination after approval.

(c) The honorific naming will likely serve for the useful life of the facility or program. If the asset is later modified or replaced, the University reserves the right to rename it or offer an alternative honorific naming as close to the spirit as possible of the original naming.

5.3 Prominent Facilities and Programs/Other Prominent Facilities and Programs. Honorific namings of Prominent Facilities and Programs or Other Prominent Facilities and Programs must be approved by the Board of Regents following the recommendation of the Chancellor.

5.4 Less Prominent Facilities and Programs. Under appropriate circumstances, honorific namings of Less Prominent Facilities and Programs may be granted by the president of the institution, with approval of the Chancellor. Such naming for a U. T. System or institution administrative official, faculty, or staff member or for an elected or appointed public official shall be approved by the Board of Regents following the recommendation of the Chancellor.

Sec. 6 Gift-Related Naming. Facilities and Programs may be named under the terms of a negotiated gift agreement to memorialize or otherwise recognize substantial gifts and significant donors or individuals designated by donors. Each institution shall develop guidelines for what constitutes substantial and significant donations to warrant a gift-related naming. Institutional donor guidelines must be approved by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or Health Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel for inclusion in the institutional *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

Sec. 7 Corporate Naming. Each Corporate Naming for Prominent Facilities or Programs must be approved by the Board of Regents. Each Corporate Naming for Other Prominent Facilities and Programs or Less Prominent Facilities or Programs must be approved by the Chancellor.

- 7.1 Special Considerations. The Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services must complete a detailed due diligence review, in accordance with policies and procedures established by that office, of the corporation prior to any Corporate Naming. Each Corporate Naming must be analyzed by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, the Office of the Board of Regents, the Office of General Counsel, and the Office of Business Affairs to ensure that there are no impermissible conflicts or legal issues. Certain restrictions may also apply to any proposed naming of a Facility financed with the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.

Corporate namings for academic and health buildings, colleges and schools, and academic departments shall not occur, with the exception of rare and special circumstances.

Corporate namings for athletics facilities, arts facilities, and museums, conference centers, and non-academic and non-health facilities may receive consideration with preference given to term limits for corporate namings.

- 7.2 Procedures for Corporate Naming. Before negotiating a possible Corporate Naming, the president shall send a written request, in compliance with procedures established by the Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs. Except in the case of Less Prominent Facilities or Programs, the institution shall negotiate an agreement with the corporation, using the Standard Corporate Naming Gift/Licensing Agreement prepared by the Office of General Counsel. Any substantive variations to the standard agreement must be approved by the Office of General Counsel. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs shall have authority to sign such agreements after appropriate review and approval.

- Sec. 8 Changes to Approved or Existing Names of Prominent Facilities, Programs, and Streets and Nonhonorific Redesignation. Minor changes to approved or existing names of Prominent Facilities, Programs, and Streets as determined by the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement

Services and the General Counsel to the Board may be approved by the Chancellor after review by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs, and the president of the institution. Such minor changes may include general name changes associated with a change in the function of a facility. Nonhonorific renaming and redesignation of projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) shall be reviewed and approved by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects. Such approved redesignations will be included in the amended CIP.

Sec. 9 Namings Approvals Chart. The below chart summarizes the approving authority for namings. Please reference the text of the rule for relevant procedural requirements.

	Corporate	Non-Corporate (Individual)	Honorific
Namings for Prominent Facilities and Programs	Board of Regents	Board of Regents	Board of Regents
Namings for Other Prominent Facilities and Programs	Chancellor	Chancellor	Board of Regents
Less Prominent Facilities and Programs	Chancellor	Institutional President	Board of Regents for namings for U. T.-affiliated individual or public official Institutional President, with approval by Chancellor, for all others.

Sec. 10 Announcements. No institution shall announce the naming of any Facility or Program prior to the final approval required by this Rule.

3. Definitions

Facilities - all physical facilities and buildings.

Prominent Facilities - all buildings; athletic facilities.

Other Prominent Facilities - areas such as wings and other major components of academic, medical, athletics, and arts facilities, large auditoria, concert halls, atria, prominent outdoor spaces, and clinics.

Less Prominent Facilities - facilities such as laboratories, classrooms, seminar or meeting rooms, and patient rooms that the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Service, in consultation with the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs and the appropriate U. T. System institution, determines are less prominent and therefore not within the category of Prominent Facilities.

Programs - all non-physical entities.

Prominent Programs - major entities, such as colleges, schools, academic departments, and clinical divisions.

Other Prominent Programs - academic and health centers, programs, institutes, and organized research units.

Less Prominent Programs - academic centers, programs, and institutes that the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services, in consultation with the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic or Health Affairs, determines are less prominent and therefore not within the category of Prominent Programs.

Corporate Naming - the naming of any Facility or Program after a corporate or other business-oriented entity.

Prominent Naming - the naming of Prominent Facilities or Prominent Programs.

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 51.923](#) – Qualifications of Certain Business Entities to Enter Into Contracts With an Institution of Higher Education

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 60301](#) – Development Board of an Institution

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Development Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of External Relations, Communications and Advancement Services

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Prevailing Wage Rates

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Use of Wage Surveys. Pursuant to state law construction contracts are required to incorporate prevailing wage rates established for each county of each campus based on geographic location. The basis for establishing the wage rates shall be in compliance with state law. The Board of Regents authorizes periodic surveys to be performed to update wage rate data.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Government Code [Section 2258](#) – Prevailing Wage Rates

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Chief Business Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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1. Title

Office of Capital Projects Management of Major Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Contract Authorization – Architects, Engineers, and Design-Build Contractors. Subject to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80301](#) and [Rule 10501](#), and Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 below, and except as otherwise specified in these *Rules and Regulations*, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, with the advice of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects and the institutional president, is authorized to appoint architects, engineers, and design-build contractors and execute contracts for professional services.
- Sec. 2 Contract Authorization – Construction. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs is authorized to execute construction and related contracts for all Major Projects that have previously been approved for the Definition Phase by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor or authorized by the Board of Regents in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Sec. 3 Standardized Contracts. Construction contracts executed and delivered on behalf of the Board of Regents for Major Projects shall comply with guidelines and uniform general conditions issued by the U. T. System Administration's Office of General Counsel and shall be written on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel. Payment and performance bonds, when required by law for contracts, shall be on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel. Contracts with architects and engineers shall comply with guidelines issued by the Office of General Counsel and shall be written on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel.
- Sec. 4 Authorization to Expend Funds Appropriated in the CIP.
- 4.1 The Chancellor will approve the Design Development Plans for all major repair and rehabilitation projects that are not architecturally or historically significant and authorize expenditure of appropriated funds. The executive officers and institutional presidents shall be

responsible for identifying special interest projects to the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee.

- 4.2 The Board of Regents will approve the Design Development Plans for all Major Projects other than repair and rehabilitation projects that are not architecturally or historically significant and authorize expenditure of appropriated funds. The executive officers and institutional presidents shall be responsible for identifying special interest projects to the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee.

- Sec. 5 Approval for Excess Costs. Project costs that exceed 10% of the Total Project Cost approved by the Board of Regents or \$500,000, whichever is greater, must be approved by the Board.
- Sec. 6 Contract Management. The Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects is authorized to implement and manage all professional service, construction, and construction-related contracts executed by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this Rule and [Rule 80403](#), Section 1. The Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects' authority includes, but is not limited to, extending the term of existing contracts to the extent such extensions are contemplated in the contract; approving additional work requests; approving a construction contractor's, design-build contractor's, or construction manager's estimates, guaranteed maximum price proposals, or stipulated sum proposals; approving change orders; and providing general supervision of all Major and Minor Projects.
- Sec. 7 Authority to Increase Project Cost. The Chancellor, with the advice of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Office of Finance, and the institutional president, is authorized to increase the approved Total Project Cost not more than 10% or \$500,000, whichever is greater. To provide funding for the increase, the Chancellor may reallocate funding between or among approved projects at a single institution if funding for such projects has previously been authorized or approved funding from some other source is available to the institution.
- Sec. 8 Facility Program. A facility program, as defined in [Rule 80301](#), shall be prepared for all Major Projects in accordance with the Facilities Programming Guidelines maintained by the Office of

Capital Projects. The facility program must be approved by the president of the institution.

- Sec. 9 Adherence with Campus Master Plan. Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) issued to solicit responses from interested architects, engineers, and design-build contractors will include a requirement that the architect, engineer, and design-build contractor evidence agreement to adhere to the approved Campus Master Plan and a set of criteria applicable to the facility program and the needs of the institution.
- Sec. 10 Preparation of Schematic Plans and Design Development Plans. Pursuant to approval under Section 4 of [Rule 80301](#), the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects is authorized to release the project architect, engineer, or design-build contractor to prepare Schematic Plans (exterior design, site plans, cost estimates, and other necessary and appropriate documents). Pursuant to approval under Section 5 of [Rule 80301](#), the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects is authorized to release the project architect, engineer, or design-build contractor to prepare Design Development Plans (elevations, sections, outline specifications, cost estimates, and other related work to establish the scope, design, dimensions, and materials of the project in greater detail). The project architect, engineer, or design-build contractor shall work with the institutional delegates and the Office of Capital Projects.
- Sec. 11 Construction Documents. After approval of the Design Development Plans, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects is authorized to direct the preparation of the Construction Documents (working drawings and specifications).

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80301](#) – Capital Improvement Program

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80403](#) – Minor Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Minor Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Delegation of Authority. Subject to Sections 2 and 3 immediately below and the general provisions of [Rule 10501](#) of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* and except as otherwise specified in these *Rules and Regulations*, each institutional president or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, as appropriate, is authorized to appoint architects, approve plans and Construction Documents, and execute and deliver contracts, agreements, guaranteed maximum price or stipulated sum proposals, and other documents on behalf of the Board of Regents for all Minor Projects.
- Sec. 2 Review and Approval. Minor Projects shall be subject to review as directed by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. If the Minor Project is to accommodate facility program changes requiring System approval, then (i) necessary facility program approvals must be secured in advance of requests for construction approval; (ii) funds must have been approved through standard System budgetary procedures; and (iii) the project must have been approved by the institution director of physical plant, chief business officer, and president.
- Sec. 3 Standardized Contracts. Contracts with architects and engineers shall comply with guidelines and uniform general conditions issued by the U. T. System Administration Office of General Counsel and shall be written on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel. Construction contracts shall comply with guidelines issued by the U. T. System Administration's Office of General Counsel and shall be written on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel. Payment and performance bonds, when required by law or contracts, shall be on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel.

3. Definitions

Minor Project – New building construction and road, paving, and repair and rehabilitation projects that do not meet the definition of a Major Project under Regents' [Rule 80301](#).

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80402](#) – Major Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects, Section 6, regarding Contract Management

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Chief Budget Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Institutional Management of Major Construction and Repair and Rehabilitation Projects

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Contract Authorization – Architects, Engineers, and Design-Build Contractors. Subject to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80301](#) and [Rule 10501](#), and Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 below, and except as otherwise specified in these *Rules and Regulations*, the institutional president, with the advice of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, is authorized to appoint architects, engineers, and design-build contractors and execute contracts for professional services.
- Sec. 2 Contract Authorization – Construction. The institutional president is authorized to execute construction and related contracts for Major Projects that have previously been approved for the Definition Phase by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor or authorized by the Board of Regents in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Sec. 3 Standardized Contracts. Construction contracts executed and delivered on behalf of the Board of Regents for Major Projects shall comply with guidelines and uniform general conditions issued by the U. T. System Administration Office of General Counsel and shall be written on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel. Payment and performance bonds, when required by law for contracts, shall be on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel. Contracts with architects and engineers shall comply with guidelines issued by the Office of General Counsel and shall be written on a standard form approved by the Office of General Counsel.
- Sec. 4 Authorization to Expend Funds Appropriated in the CIP.
- 4.1 The institutional president will approve the Design Development Plans for all major repair and rehabilitation projects that are not architecturally or historically significant and authorize expenditure of appropriated funds. The executive officers and institutional presidents shall be responsible for identifying special interest

projects to the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee.

4.2 The Board of Regents will approve the Design Development Plans for all Major Projects other than repair and rehabilitation projects that are not architecturally or historically significant and authorize expenditure of appropriated funds. The executive officers and institutional presidents shall be responsible for identifying special interest projects to the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee.

- Sec. 5 Approval for Excess Costs or Material Change. Project costs that exceed 10% of the Total Project Cost approved by the Board of Regents or \$500,000, whichever is greater, must be approved by the Board.
- Sec. 6 Contract Management. The institutional president shall approve the construction contractor's, design-build contractor's, or construction manager's estimates, guaranteed maximum price, or stipulated sum proposals; sign change orders; and provide general supervision of all Major Projects.
- Sec. 7 Authority to Increase Project Cost. The institutional president, with the advice of the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, is authorized to increase the approved Total Project Cost not more than 10% or \$500,000, whichever is greater. To provide funding for the increase, the institutional president may reallocate funding between or among approved projects at the institution if funding for such projects has previously been authorized or is from some other source of approved funds available to the institution.
- Sec. 8 Facility Program. A facility program shall be prepared in accordance with the Facilities Programming Guidelines maintained by the Office of Capital Projects. The facility program must be approved by the president of the institution.
- Sec. 9 Adherence with Campus Master Plan. Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) issued to solicit responses from interested architects, engineers, and design-build contractors will include a requirement that the architect, engineer, and design-build contractor evidence agreement to adhere to the approved Campus Master Plan and a set of criteria applicable to the facility program and the needs of the institution.

Sec. 10 Preparation of Schematic Plans and Design Development Plans. Pursuant to approval under Section 4 of [Rule 80301](#), the institutional president is authorized to release the project architect, engineer, or design-build contractor to prepare Schematic Plans (exterior design, site plans, cost estimates, and other necessary and appropriate documents). Pursuant to approval under Section 5 of [Rule 80301](#), the institutional president is authorized to release the project architect, engineer, or design-build contractor to prepare Design Development Plans (elevations, sections, outline specifications, cost estimates, and other related work to establish the scope, design, dimensions, and materials of the project in greater detail). The project architect, engineer, or design-build contractor shall work with the institutional delegates and the institutional president.

Sec. 11 Construction Documents. After approval of the Design Development Plans, the institutional president is authorized to direct the preparation of the Construction Documents (working drawings and specifications).

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 80301](#) – Capital Improvement Program

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Property and Casualty Insurance and Surety Bonds

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Authority to Purchase. The purchase or renewal of any insurance policies and surety bonds, other than life, disability, and health insurance policies for any U. T. System institution or for System Administration, shall be negotiated and approved by the Chief Compliance and Risk Officer or designee. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs shall also approve the purchase or renewal of policies with premiums in excess of \$500,000.
- Sec. 2 Notice of Loss and Approval of Claims. At the time a loss occurs applicable to either Systemwide or individual insurance policies and surety bonds, the Chief Compliance and Risk Officer or designee shall be notified by the chief business officer of the institution. For all claims, other than life, disability and health claims, the Chief Compliance and Risk Officer or designee shall approve all loss claims and settlements under \$250,000. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs shall approve any settlement between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000, and any settlements under the University's Comprehensive Property Protection Plan. Settlement of commercial insurance or surety bond claims in excess of \$1,000,000 must have the approval of the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 3 Settlement of Catastrophic Claims. In the case of a catastrophic occurrence where the loss is so extensive that partial commercial insurance payments in excess of \$1,000,000 are necessary, the Chancellor is delegated authority to execute all documents related to the partial payment or adjustment. The Board of Regents will be notified by the Chancellor of all partial payments received in excess of \$1,000,000. Final settlement of commercial insurance claims in excess of \$1,000,000 will require approval from the Board.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Chief Business Officers
Risk Managers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Risk Management

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Indirect Cost Recoveries

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Indirect Cost Recoveries. To the extent that indirect cost recoveries from the application of overhead rates are derived from use charges for buildings, other improvements, or equipment, the funds so derived shall be designated for renewals or replacements of such buildings, improvements, or equipment or for other purposes specified and approved in the budget processes as related to the indirect cost recoveries.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Chief Business Officers

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Health Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Flags

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Display of Flags. The flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Texas shall be flown at The University of Texas System and any of the institutions on each regular school day as required by *Texas Education Code* [Section 1.003](#). The flags shall be raised, lowered, and displayed as required by [Title 4 United States Code](#) Sections 5 through 9 and by the Texas Flag Code, *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 3100](#), and may be placed at half-staff only as permitted or required by such statutory provisions.

Sec. 2 Official Flag. The Texas State Flag shall be designated as the official flag of the U. T. System and the official flag of each institution shall be the Texas State Flag with a streamer with the official name of the institution in white letters on an orange field, and a special occasion banner, as determined to be appropriate by the institutional president in consultation with the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor. No institution shall have or display any other flag as its official flag. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit display of other flags in a manner consistent with the Texas Flag Code, *Texas Government Code*, [Chapter 3100](#).

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Education Code [Section 1.003](#) – The Flying of the United States and Texas Flags

Texas Government Code, [Chapter 3100](#) – State Flag

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

- bor@utsystem.edu

1. Title

Constitutional and Legislative Restrictions on Capital Improvements

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Approval by Coordinating Board. [Section 18](#) of Article VII of the Texas Constitution (regarding the Permanent University Fund) requires approval by the Legislature, or an agency designated by the Legislature, prior to the construction of physical improvements financed by bonds authorized under that Section at institutions of the U. T. System other than The University of Texas at Austin.

1.1 Unless otherwise authorized by law, new construction and major repair and rehabilitation projects with an Education and General (E&G) project cost of \$10 million or more must be submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The format for submission will be as prescribed by the Coordinating Board.

Submission will be prepared by the institution, in consultation with and assisted by System Administration's Office of Capital Projects for review, approval, and handling of submission. It is anticipated that necessary documents will be submitted to the Coordinating Board for review when the project scope and estimated cost are sufficiently defined to meet the Coordinating Board's requirements for submission. Normally, submission will be made after the institutional president, the Chancellor, or the Board of Regents has approved the Design Development Plans and the related cost estimate.

Sec. 2 Delegation by Board of Regents. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requires a signed Board of Regents Certification form under [Coordinating Board Rule 17.21](#). The authority to execute this certification for the Board of Regents is delegated to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs or the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Projects.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

Texas Constitution Article VII, [Section 18](#) – Bonds or Notes Payable from Income or Available University Funds

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. Who Should Know

Administrators

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of Business Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Rule should be directed to:

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1. Title

Intellectual Property

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Preamble. This intellectual property Rule is intended to serve the public good, promote partnerships with the private sector, encourage innovation, promote the engagement of faculty, staff, and students in research, and foster economic development. The Board of Regents recognizes the high importance of discovery commercialization as a core mission. U. T. System recognizes that it will attract more collaborative research supported by industry if timely and efficient processes exist to manage intellectual property.

This Rule is intended to be adaptable to the highly varied circumstances that characterize the private sector and the portfolio of research at U. T. System institutions. In all cases, U. T. System institutions will strive to enable the ease of intellectual property creation, protection, management, and transfer to the private sector and society within an environment that promotes the highest quality and integrity of academic activity, teaching, and research.

U. T. System is guided by the following fundamental principles on intellectual property:

- 1.1 The successful deployment of intellectual property developed through teaching, research, discovery, creative activities, and application of knowledge, whether through sponsored research, licensing, or other types of transactions or arrangements, allows for knowledge and technology to be disseminated to benefit the broad public and comports with the mission of the U. T. System;
- 1.2 Sponsored research is very important to the vitality and competitiveness of U. T. System institutions, the State of Texas, and our nation. All U. T. System institutions shall (a) encourage and strengthen university-industry partnerships, (b) efficiently and expeditiously manage intellectual property created from these partnerships, and (c) remain understanding, flexible, and open to the varied circumstances and needs of potential industry sponsors;
- 1.3 U. T. System institutions should expect that when industry is underwriting sponsored research, industry

commences negotiations with the expectation of speed in the execution of critical agreements, clear financial outcomes, and ownership rights in, or appropriate access to, intellectual property resulting from the work;

- 1.4 Sponsored research is frequently tightly integrated with the educational mission at many U. T. System institutions but must not abridge publication and research rights, impinge upon the dissemination of research results, including student theses and dissertations, nor diminish an environment of academic and research integrity;
- 1.5 The primary research-related duties of members of the faculty at U. T. System institutions are to teach, study, investigate, discover, create, disseminate, develop professionally, and infuse new knowledge into their classes and student interaction;
- 1.6 Commercialization of technology enhances the reputation of the U. T. System and enables transformation of knowledge into the marketplace; and
- 1.7 Compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations, the Texas Constitution, and applicable laws of the State of Texas is essential for successful U. T. System technology commercialization.

Sec. 2 Ownership of Intellectual Property. Except as set forth in Section 5, the Board of Regents automatically owns the intellectual property created by individuals subject to this Rule, yet recognizes the importance of discovery commercialization. In appropriate circumstances concerning intellectual property resulting from research supported by (a) an entirely private, nongovernmental grant or contract with a nonprofit or for-profit entity, or (b) an entirely private gift or grant to the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution, as set forth in Section 12.1, the U. T. System or a U. T. System institution may enter into an agreement to transfer or grant appropriate access to the Board of Regents' rights in intellectual property to third parties. For purposes of this Rule, intellectual property includes, but is not limited to, any invention, discovery, creation, know-how, trade secret, technology, scientific or technological development, research data, work of authorship and software, regardless of whether subject to protection under patent, trademark, copyright, or other laws.

- Sec. 3 Individuals Subject to this Rule. While students are governed by Section 6, this Rule applies to all persons employed by the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution, as well as to anyone using the facilities or resources of the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution. All individuals subject to this Rule must assign, and do hereby assign, their rights in such intellectual property to the Board of Regents, and such individuals shall promptly execute and deliver all documents and other instruments as are reasonably necessary to reflect the Board of Regents' ownership of such intellectual property. A creator of intellectual property owned by the Board of Regents has no independent right or authority to convey, assign, encumber, or license such intellectual property other than to the Board of Regents. U. T. System institutions may promulgate institutional rules, regulations, or policies defining the course and scope of employment for persons or classes of persons and specifying that authorized outside employment is or is not within an employee's course and scope of employment.
- Sec. 4 Intellectual Property Subject to this Rule. Intellectual property (a) developed within the course and scope of employment of the individual, (b) resulting from activities performed on U. T. System time or with support of state funds, or (c) resulting from using facilities or resources owned by the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution (other than incidental use) is owned by the Board of Regents.
- Sec. 5 Intellectual Property Not Subject to this Rule. Intellectual property developed or created by a U. T. System employee outside the course and scope of employment of the individual that is developed or created on his/her own time and without the support of the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution or use of U. T. System facilities or resources, is the exclusive property of the creator.
- Sec. 6 Students and Intellectual Property. A student enrolled at a U. T. System institution, such as in an undergraduate or graduate degree program or certificate program, including a postdoctoral and predoctoral fellow, owns the intellectual property he or she creates (a) in courses, (b) during extracurricular activities, and (c) while using the resources and facilities of U. T. System institutions commonly provided for a student's use and for which a student has paid tuition and fees, unless:
- 6.1 The student is also an employee of the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution and the intellectual property is developed within the course and scope of his or her

employment, in which case the provisions of this Rule relating to employees shall apply;

- 6.2 The student works on a work-for-hire or institutional project as described by Section 8, in which case Section 8 governs that work;
- 6.3 The student participates in a research project where any intellectual property created under that project has already been committed to, or encumbered by an agreement with, a governmental, philanthropic, corporate or other sponsor, including a sponsor as described in Section 12.1; or
- 6.4 The student jointly creates the intellectual property with a non-student, in which case this Rule (other than Section 6) and applicable law dictate ownership of the intellectual property as if the student was a non-student described in Section 3.

Sec. 7 Interest in Certain Copyrights. Notwithstanding Section 2 but subject to Section 12, the Board of Regents will not assert an ownership interest in the copyright of scholarly or educational materials, artworks, musical compositions, and literary works related to the author's academic or professional field, regardless of the medium of expression. Such creators are encouraged to manage their copyrights in accordance with the guidelines concerning management and marketing of copyrighted works consistent with applicable institutional policies.

As the Board of Regents has done historically, as reasonably required for the limited purpose of continuing an institution's scheduled course offerings, the Board of Regents retains for one year following the loss of a course instructor's services a fully paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive worldwide license to use, copy, distribute, display, perform, and create derivative works of materials prepared by the instructor (including lectures, lecture notes, syllabi, study guides, bibliographies, visual aids, images, diagrams, multimedia presentations, examinations, web-ready content, and educational software) for use in teaching a course.

Sec. 8 Works for Hire and Institutional Projects. Notwithstanding any provisions of Sections 6 or 7 to the contrary, the Board of Regents shall have sole ownership of all intellectual property created by (a) an employee, student, or other individual or entity commissioned, required, authorized, or hired specifically to

produce such intellectual property by the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution, and (b) an employee, student, or other individual as part of an institutional project. The provisions of Section 11.5 shall not apply to intellectual property governed by this Section unless approved by the institution or U. T. System Administration in a written agreement.

Sec. 9 Use of Research Data. Research data or results created by an employee are owned by the Board of Regents and except to the extent that rights to such research data are contractually assigned or licensed to another by the Board of Regents, the creator shall have a nonexclusive license to use such data for patient care, teaching, scholarly, and other academically related purposes and nonprofit research, provided such activities are within the scope of the employee's employment.

Sec. 10 Use of Facilities and Resources. Other than in connection with student-owned intellectual property governed by Section 6, U. T. System and U. T. System institution facilities and resources may not be used (a) to create, develop, or commercialize intellectual property outside the course and scope of employment of an individual, or (b) to further develop or commercialize intellectual properties that have been released to an inventor by the Board of Regents under Section 11.2, except as the institution's president may approve in writing where the U. T. System retains an interest under the terms of the release.

Sec. 11 Invention Disclosure and Commercialization.

11.1 Determination of the Board of Regents' Interest. Before intellectual property owned by the Board of Regents is disclosed to any party outside the U. T. System, to the public generally, or for commercial purposes, and before publishing same, the creator shall submit a reasonably complete and detailed invention disclosure of such intellectual property to the president (or designee) of his or her institution for determination of the Board of Regents' interest. The institution will regularly and promptly communicate with the creator during this decision-making process and commercialization shall not proceed until that decision is made.

11.2 Election Not to Assert Ownership Interest. If the institution's president elects not to assert the Board of Regents' ownership interest, the institution's president shall notify the U. T. System Office of General Counsel and the primary creator in writing within 20 business days

after the decision is made that the institution will release the intellectual property to the creator, except where prohibited by law or contractual obligations or requirements. Thereafter, the creator will be free to obtain and exploit a patent or other intellectual property protection in his or her own right and the U. T. System and U. T. System institutions shall not have any further rights, obligations, or duties with respect thereto except that, in appropriate circumstances, the institution's president may elect to (a) retain income rights, and (b) impose certain limitations or obligations, including, but not limited to, a nonexclusive license for the creator, U. T. System, and any U. T. System institution to use the released invention for patient care, teaching, scholarly, and other academically related purposes, nonprofit research, and to comply with United States government reporting and license requirements.

- 11.3 Later Release of Invention. Except where prohibited by law or contractual obligations or requirements, the institution's president may elect to release an invention to its creator at any time after asserting the Board of Regents' ownership interest, with notice to the U. T. System Office of General Counsel; however, such release must include provisions for the recovery by U. T. System of any patent and licensing expenses as well as the retention of income rights by U. T. System, and may include certain limitations or obligations, including those set forth in Section 11.2.
- 11.4 Protection and Commercialization of Intellectual Property. With respect to intellectual property in which the Board of Regents asserts an interest, the institution's president, or his or her designee, shall decide how, when, and where the intellectual property is to be protected and commercialized. The institution may contract with outside counsel for legal services with the prior consent of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel and, if required by law, the approval of the Attorney General.
- 11.5 Reimbursement of Licensing Costs and Allocation of Income. In those instances where the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution licenses rights in intellectual property to third parties, the costs of licensing, including, but not limited to, the costs to operate and support a technology transfer office and the costs of obtaining a patent or other protection for the property on behalf of the

Board of Regents must first be recaptured from any royalties or other license payments received by the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution. The remainder of any such income (including, but not limited to, license fees, prepaid royalties, minimum royalties, running royalties, milestone payments, and sublicense payments) shall be divided as follows:

30-50% to creator(s), and
50-70% to U. T. System institutions.

The U. T. System or the U. T. System institution shall decide on a case-by-case basis the allocation of income within these ranges for all creators, with the remainder to be disbursed to and/or retained by the U. T. System or the applicable U. T. System institution. A creator may, however, disclaim his/her interest in such income, in which case the institution shall receive and/or retain the creator's share and shall decide, in its sole discretion, if, how and when to disburse such income. Income received and/or retained by the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution from any intellectual property shall be used by the U. T. System institution where the intellectual property originated.

Sec. 12 Sponsored Research.

12.1 Private Sources. Intellectual property resulting from research supported by private sources is owned by the Board of Regents. However, with respect to intellectual property resulting from research entirely supported by (a) a private, nongovernmental grant or contract with a nonprofit or for-profit entity, or (b) a private gift or grant to the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution, if otherwise permitted by this Rule, applicable law and Section 12.3, the U. T. System and U. T. System institutions are permitted and encouraged to negotiate an agreement acceptable to U. T. System Administration or applicable U. T. System institution to transfer or grant appropriate access to the Board of Regents' ownership rights or other rights in the intellectual property resulting from such arrangements to the sponsor or the sponsor's designee. Any such agreement shall be negotiated:

- (a) In accordance with the needs and preferences of the parties, as best may be accomplished;

- (b) With flexibility and adaptability in mind;
 - (c) In a timely, cooperative, and efficient manner; and
 - (d) In a manner which identifies the benefits that accrue to U. T. System institutions as set forth by Section 15.2.
- 12.2 Public Sources. Intellectual property resulting from research supported by a grant or contract with the government (federal and/or state) or an agency thereof is owned by the Board of Regents.
- 12.3 Nonconformance with Intellectual Property Guidelines. Approval by a U. T. System institution under Section 15.2 of grants and contracts containing ownership and other provisions inconsistent with this Rule and other policies and guidelines adopted by the Board of Regents, including, but not limited to, The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 125, Guidance for Negotiating Research Agreements with Sponsors and Processing Research and Intellectual Property Agreements](#) is permissible, as it implies a decision that the benefit and value to the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution from receiving the grant or performing the contract outweighs the impact of any nonconforming provisions on the intellectual property policies and guidelines of the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution, such as The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 125, Guidance for Negotiating Research Agreements with Sponsors and Processing Research and Intellectual Property Agreements](#).
- 12.4 Conflicting Provisions. Subject to approval as described in Section 12.3, the intellectual property policies and guidelines of the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution are subject to, and thus amended and superseded by, the specific terms pertaining to intellectual property rights included in state and/or federal grants and contracts, or grants and contracts with nonprofit and for-profit nongovernmental entities or private donors, to the extent of any such conflict.
- 12.5 Cooperation with Necessary Assignments. Those persons subject to this Rule whose intellectual property creations result from (a) a grant or contract with the government (federal and/or state), or any agency thereof,

(b) a grant or contract with a nonprofit or for-profit nongovernmental entity, or (c) private gift to the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution, shall promptly execute and deliver such documents and other instruments as are reasonably necessary for the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution to discharge its obligations, expressed or implied, under the particular agreement.

- 12.6 Sharing of Royalty Income. In the event that two or more persons who are entitled to share royalty income or equity cannot agree in writing on an appropriate sharing arrangement, the institution's president shall determine that portion of the royalty income (or equity) to which the creators are entitled under the circumstances and such amount will be distributed (or issued) to them accordingly. In the event that the creators are located at two or more U. T. System institutions and cannot agree, such royalty (or equity) distribution decision shall be made by the involved institutions' presidents (or their respective designees). In the further event that the involved presidents cannot agree, then the Chancellor shall decide and his/her decision shall be binding on the creators.
- 12.7 Geographical Scope of Protection. A decision by the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution to seek patent or other available protection for intellectual property covered by Section 9 shall not obligate the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution to pursue such protection in all national jurisdictions. The U. T. System's decision relating to the geographical scope and duration of such protection shall be final.

Sec. 13 Equity Interests.

- 13.1 Agreements with Business Entities. The U. T. System or any U. T. System institution may receive equity interests as partial or total compensation for the conveyance of intellectual property rights. The institution where the intellectual property was created may elect, at its sole option and discretion, to share an equity interest, dividend income, or a percentage of the proceeds of the sale of an equity interest with the creator(s). The U. T. System or any U. T. System institution may also receive equity interests in a business entity as consideration for the institution's role as a founder, or for other

contributions made to the business entity other than as a licensor, and the institution shall not be obligated to share such equity interests with the creator(s). The U. T. System or any U. T. System institution may also, but shall not be obligated to, negotiate an equity interest on behalf of any employee who conceived, created, discovered, invented, or developed intellectual property owned by the Board of Regents that is the subject of an agreement between the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution and a business entity relating thereto.

- 13.2 Creator Holding Equity and Managing Conflict of Interest. Employees of the U. T. System Administration or any U. T. System institution who conceive, create, discover, invent, or develop intellectual property may hold an equity interest in a business entity that has an agreement with the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of that intellectual property only so long as the institution where the intellectual property was developed is in full compliance with the requirement to have, implement, and enforce for that employee an effective conflict of interest management plan as set forth in the U. T. System Office of General Counsel's [Procedure for Managing Conflicts of Interest](#). In any case where an actual conflict of interest is found, the employee may be required to divest the equity interest or terminate affected research.

Sec. 14 Conflicts of Interest.

- 14.1 Approval to Serve as Officer or Director. Any individual subject to Sections 2, 3, 4, or 8 who conceives, creates, discovers, invents, or develops intellectual property may serve, in his/her individual capacity, as a member of the board of directors or other governing board or as an officer or an employee (other than as a consultant) of a business entity that has an agreement with the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of that intellectual property only so long as the institution where the intellectual property was developed is in full compliance with the requirement to have, implement, and enforce for that individual an effective conflict of interest management plan as set forth in the U. T. System Office of General Counsel's [Procedure for Managing Conflicts of Interest](#). In any case where an actual conflict of

interest is found, the individual may be required to terminate the business relationship or the relevant research.

- 14.2 Request for Employee to Serve as Officer or Director. When requested by the Board of Regents, an employee may serve on behalf of the Board of Regents as a member of the board of directors or other governing board of a business entity that has an agreement with the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property, but may not accept any consideration offered for service on such board.
- 14.3 Report of Equity Interest and Service as Officer or Director. Any individual subject to this Rule must report in writing to the president of the institution the name of any business entity in which the person has an interest or for which the person serves as a director, officer, or employee, and shall be responsible for submitting a revised written report upon any change in the interest or position held by such person in such business entity. The U. T. System institution or its office of technology commercialization will file a report by October 1 of each year with the Office of the Board of Regents for transmittal to the Comptroller of Public Accounts as required by [Section 51.912](#) and [Section 51.005](#), *Texas Education Code*.

Sec. 15 Execution of Documents Related to Intellectual Property.

- 15.1 Execution of Agreements. Agreements that grant an interest in the Board of Regents' intellectual property, including, but not limited to, option and license agreements and contracts with corporate sponsors, may be executed and delivered in accordance with the provisions of Regents' [Rule 10501](#), after any required review by the U. T. System Office of General Counsel.
- 15.2 Agreements That Do Not Conform to the Rules. Any agreement that deviates substantially from this Rule or other policies and guidelines adopted by the Board of Regents, including, but not limited to, The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 125, Guidance for Negotiating Research Agreements with Sponsors and Processing Research and Intellectual Property Agreements](#) may be executed and delivered as set forth

above if, in the judgment of the institution's president and after any required review by the U. T. System Office of General Counsel, the benefits from the level of funding for proposed research and/or other consideration from a sponsor, licensee, or other party outweigh any potential disadvantage that may result from the deviation.

- 15.3 Delegation of Authority. The Chancellor, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, or the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel may execute, on behalf of the Board of Regents, legal documents relating to the Board of Regents' rights in intellectual property, including, but not limited to, assignments of ownership, applications, declarations, affidavits, powers of attorney, disclaimers, and other such documents relating to patents and copyrights; applications, declarations, affidavits, affidavits of use, powers of attorney, and other such documents relating to trademarks; and corporate documents related to the formation of new companies. In addition, the institution's president may execute, on behalf of the Board of Regents, (a) institutional applications for registration or recordation of transfers of ownership and other such documents relating to copyrights, and (b) corporate documents related to the formation of new companies (including, but not limited to, documents memorializing equity interests received under Section 13 and stockholder consents that may subsequently be sought in connection therewith), if first reviewed and approved by (i) the U. T. System Office of General Counsel, or (ii) the institution's outside counsel working under a U. T. System Office of General Counsel-approved outside counsel agreement.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

35 U.S.C. 18 – Patent Rights in Inventions Made with Federal Assistance
([The Bayh Dole Act of 1980, as amended](#))

Texas Education Code [Section 51.005](#) – Reports

Texas Education Code [Section 51.912](#) – Equity Ownership: Business Participation

Texas Education Code, [Chapter 153](#) – Centers for Technology Development and Transfer

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board of Regents

The University of Texas Systemwide Policy [UTS 125, Guidance for Negotiating Research Agreements with Sponsors and Processing Research and Intellectual Property Agreements](#)

U. T. System Office of General Counsel's [Procedure for Managing Conflicts of Interest](#)

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty
Staff
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7. U. T. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

[Regents' Rules Revision History](#)

9. Contact Information

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