

**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**

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**9. Contact Information**

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