



TO: James B. Milliken, Chancellor, U. T. System Administration

FROM: The U. T. System Student Advisory Council Affordability and Academic Success Committee

DATE: May 18, 2021

RE: Student Involvement in the Tuition and Mandatory Fee-Setting Process

The U. T. System Student Advisory Council Affordability and Academic Success Committee would like to reiterate the importance of a recommendation made by last year's Council related to requiring institutions to codify the student involvement process in tuition and mandatory fee changes in their Handbook of Operating Procedure (HOP).

As mentioned in last year's recommendation, students are the primary stakeholders in the domain of higher education. For this reason, students should be guaranteed an opportunity to provide input into decisions made about tuition and mandatory fee charges and practices at their institution. Historically, student involvement in the U. T. System tuition and mandatory fee-setting process has facilitated transparency, helping to cultivate a trusting and reliable relationship between administrations at U. T. institutions and their respective student bodies.

It is our understanding that the Board of Regents may consider tuition and mandatory fee increases in fall 2021 for the 2023-2024 biennium. We urge the Board to set expectations around the student input process before considering any increases.