



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

FROM: The U. T. System Student Advisory Council COVID-19 Committee

DATE: March 31, 2021

RE: Use of Fee Revenue During COVID-19

The U. T. System Student Advisory Council's COVID-19 Committee recommends that U. T. System encourage each institution to publish a year-end report for students to see how student fees were expended and reallocated during this year of transition to a virtual or hybrid setting. With on-campus facilities and resources largely being inaccessible throughout the year, we urge institutions to maintain transparency with the allocation and use of student fee revenue.

Additionally, the Council would like to highlight a strong example of a U. T. institution expending unused fee revenue in innovative and student-centered ways during the COVID-19 pandemic. U. T. Health Science Center – Houston utilized funds from unused student services fees to provide COVID-19 need-based scholarships to assist students during these trying times. U. T. Health Science Center – Houston provided sixty \$500 scholarships to students across all six schools at this institution. The U. T. Health Science Center – Houston's Student InterCouncil created a common scholarship application, allowing students to write a short essay explaining why they needed the relief funds. Scholarships were selected through a committee of faculty set up at each individual school. All scholarships were distributed by October 2020 through the Auxiliary Enterprises office.

This scholarship was an effective means of helping ease students' additional financial burden during the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage other U. T. institutions to explore other options to provide relief funds during this difficult time, including using accumulated student services fee revenue.

Thank you for your consideration.