



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Board of Regents™

MEMORANDUM

October 5, 2023

TO: Student Government Association Presidents KamWiese, Zetta Cannedy, Joel Rivero, Cheyanna Petty, Georgia Hejny and Student Regent Steeley Smith

CC: Chairman Mark Griffin, Chancellor Tedd Mitchell and Presidents Ronnie Hawkins, Jr., Stacey Haynie, Lawrence Schovanec, Lori Rice-Spearman, and Richard Lange

FROM: Keino McWhinney, Secretary of the Board of Regents & Special Advisor to the Chancellor

SUBJECT: Application/nomination cycle for: (1) Student Regent; and (2) Student Representative on the Coordinating Board

During **November 1 to December 31, 2023**, eligible student government associations are to solicit applications for the next **Student Regent** for the Texas Tech University System and the next **Student Representative on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board** (“THECB Student Rep”).

For the Student Regent position, state law mandates that the institution at which the current position-holder is enrolled is not eligible to participate in the cycle of applications and nominations for the next Student Regent. The current Student Regent, Steeley Smith, was appointed as a student at TTU, consequently, only ASU, MSU, TTUHSC, and TTUHSC El Paso may participate in the upcoming process for the selection of the next Student Regent.

For the THECB Student Rep position, all institutions may submit applicants for the next THECB Student Rep.

The statutes governing the appointment of the Student Regent and the THECB Student Rep require the student government associations of the eligible institutions to conduct the solicitation and initial nomination of applicants. These statutes also prescribe an identical timeline for the submission of nominations, as follows:

Timeline Element	Student Regent	THECB Student Rep
Eligible SGA’s begin soliciting applicants	November 1, 2023	November 1, 2023
Eligible SGA’s each submit up to 5 recommended applicants	by January 1, 2024, ... to the Chancellor	by January 1, 2024, ... to the Chancellor
Chancellor forwards at least 2 recommended applicants	by February 1, 2024, ... to the Governor	by February 1, 2024, ... to the Governor
Governor makes appointment by this date (or as soon after as practicable)	by June 1, 2024	by June 1, 2024



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Board of Regents™

MEMORANDUM

October 5, 2023

The new appointees then serve a 1-year term that runs from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

While the statutes place the responsibility for development of a well-qualified pool of applicants on the student government associations, it is incumbent upon the leadership of the participating institutions to ensure that their respective institutions are represented by an appropriate set of applicants.

As you implement the solicitation and nomination process, attached for your information and assistance are:

Student Regent

- A summary of the process and requirements for the solicitation, nomination and appointment of a Student Regent, including the language of the governing statute.
- A copy of the Governor's appointment application form.

THECB Student Rep

- A summary of the process and requirements for the solicitation, nomination and appointment of a THECB Student Rep.
- A copy of the Coordinating Board's application form.

[Note that, in addition to the Coordinating Board's application form, applicants for the position of THECB Student Rep also must complete the Governor's application form.]

Please submit your recommended applicants to me (keino.mcwhinney@ttu.edu) electronically no later than January 1, 2024, so that I can share them with Chancellor Mitchell.

After you review this information, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about how the process works.

Thanks.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. McWhinney". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a blue oval shape.

Attachments