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I, Ben Lock, the duly appointed and qualified Secretary of the Board of Regents, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents meeting on October 20, 2017.

Ben Lock
Secretary

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Minutes – October 20, 2017
Texas Tech University System
Board of Regents

60x30TX
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Commissioner of Higher Education

60x30TX: Texas Bold, Texas Achievable

60x30
Educated Population

Completion
Marketable Skills
Student Debt
60x30 Educated Population
By 2030, at least 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 will have a postsecondary credential or degree.

Achieving the 60x30 goal is critical for Texas to remain globally competitive and for its people and communities to prosper.

Texas is making progress toward the 60x30 Educated Population goal

- Texas will need to increase the percent of the population with a postsecondary credential by 1.3 percentage points a year to reach 60% by 2030.
COMPLETION
Goal: By 2030, at least 550,000 students in that year will complete a certificate, associate, bachelor's, or master's from an institution of higher education in Texas.

If reached, Texas will award a total of 6.4 million certificates or degrees during the 15 years of this plan.

Completions are growing, but Texas needs to accelerate pace

- Associate degree completions had the greatest increases between 2015 and 2016.
Texas Tech System overall completions are slightly increasing

Number Completing a Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's or Master's in Texas Tech University System

Completions increased only .55% from 2015 to 2016.

Texas Tech System target population completions

Target Populations: African American, Hispanic, Economically Disadvantaged, and Males Completing in Texas Tech University System
Texas Tech System completions by gender

Completions by Gender in Texas Tech University System

Graduation Rates for Economically Disadvantaged Students Still Lag Behind

6-Year Graduation Rates by Economic Status
Fall 2010-72016

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**MARKETABLE SKILLS**

Goal: By 2030, all graduates from Texas public institutions of higher education will have completed programs with identified marketable skills.

What is a marketable skill?

Students exit from any degree program with a variety of skills.

Marketable skills include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and are primary or complementary to a major.

Source: 2017 Texas Higher Education Almanac

**Highest degree earned. Rounding may affect sum totals. The percentage receiving a certificate is 1.4%, an associate degree is 4.3%, and a bachelor's is 15.3%, for a total of 21%.**
Institutions, associations, and THECB are engaged in marketable skills activities

- Engaging Career Services – THECB has reached out to career service professionals.
- Texas Council of Chief Academic Officers (TCCAO) to convene faculty from similar disciplines to create lists of marketable skills.
- Texas Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers (TCCSAO) has developed a common framework of marketable skills that creates crosswalk between core objectives and in-demand skills sought by employers.
- THECB hosted Marketable Skills Conference to collect institutions’ suggestions for achieving marketable skills goal.

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STUDENT DEBT
Goal: By 2030, undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wages for graduates of Texas public institutions.

The ratio of 60% is a statewide maintenance goal.

A balanced relationship among 1) the state, 2) the institutions, and 3) the students is critical to achieve this goal.
Statewide: The percent of students that graduate with any debt has decreased

The percent of students who graduate with any debt has decreased from 49.1% in FY 2015 to 48.2% in FY 2016.

Texas Tech System has almost 61 percent of students that graduate with debt

Percentage of Students Graduating with Debt in Texas Tech System Institutions - 2016
## Progress toward 60x30TX goals, targets

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* Baseline uses 2015 data when possible and 2016 progress uses 2016 data when possible; otherwise most recent data available are used. ** Statewide goal or target.

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### 60x30TX progress report

- Held eight **regional meetings** to educate and engage more than 1,000 stakeholders
- Encourage **regional efforts** (60x30EP, 60x30NETX)
- Launched [www.60x30TX.com](http://www.60x30TX.com) that includes data by region and by institution
- Launched new accountability website, [www.txhigherereddata.org](http://www.txhigherereddata.org)
- PR News Guidebook case study on 60x30TX launch published October 2017
Opportunities to achieve 60x30TX success

- Decrease excess SCH to reduce student cost and debt (no more than three excess SCH)
- Establish Field of Study Guides for the 25 most popular majors
- Implement competency-based programs
- Develop new ideas for financial aid
  - Paid internships, work-study opportunities

Examples of TTU System academic excellence

- In 2015, the Texas Tech Agricultural Communications program was ranked as the top program in the nation.
- Since 2012, the teacher preparation programs at Texas Tech University have been revamped into clinically-rich, district-based programs. While most teacher preparation providers across the nation in both university and alternative certification settings are experiencing 30-50% drops in enrollment, Texas Tech’s teacher education programs continue to grow.
- Angelo State University’s nursing programs, including AA, RN to BSN, and LVN to RN transition degrees, are widely recognized for mobility options available to students.
Initiatives: Improve college-going rates

Statewide initiative
SBOE strategic planning committee (David Gardner, THECB representative)
Collaborate with K-12 in improving college and career readiness (review of standards)

Examples of ongoing TTU System programs
• Texas Tech’s Red to Black financial coaching program ranked as nation’s Best College Financial Literacy Program
• ASU has been designated a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the U.S. Department of Education since 2010. Resulting federal HSI grants have totaled more than $8 million for ASU.

Initiatives: Focus on student success

- Increase use of predictive analytics to identify and assist students at risk of not completing (major policy discussion - April)
  - Major policy discussion – January; President Mark Becker, Georgia State University
- Develop guided pathways for meta majors
- Ensure marketable skills are integrated into programs so that students can demonstrate and communicate those skills
RAND study on graduate education

The RAND Corporation was engaged to conduct a study of graduate education in Texas – Managing the Expansion of Graduate Education in Texas
- Major policy discussion – July

Graduate education serves two primary purposes:
- To prepare future instructors of undergraduate and graduate programs
- To meet the demands of the marketplace.

Effectively meeting the demands on graduate education will require thoughtful and deliberate action.

Implementation of higher education-related legislation – SB 1 (state budget, funding)

- General Academic Institutions Formula Advisory Committee

- Formula funding charges:
  - Study and make recommendations for the appropriate funding level for, and for the refinement of, the graduation bonus formula. (TEC, Section 61.0593)
  - Study and make recommendations on the treatment of competency-based courses in formula allocations.
Implementation of higher education-related legislation – SB 968, 969 (sexual assault)

- SB 968 and SB 969 (85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session) require the establishment of an advisory committee with nine members, appointed by the Commissioner, with the expressed requirement of developing rules related to sexual assault policies on Texas public and private institutions of higher education. Initial sexual assault advisory committee meeting held Aug. 11 at the THECB.

- The bills require that the Advisory Committee members be either institutional chief executive officers or their designees.

Questions?

60x30TX
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
HSCEP OP: 60.01, Tenure and Promotion Policy

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) Operating Policy and Procedure (HSCEP OP) is to provide TTUHSC El Paso tenure and promotion guidelines within the HSCEP OP manual, as required by Section 04.02, Regents' Rules.

REVIEW: This HSCEP OP will be reviewed by April 1 of even-numbered years by the deans, assistant vice president for faculty affairs and vice president for academic affairs, with recommendations for revision forwarded to the president or designee by May 1. Any changes in this HSCEP OP must be approved by the Texas Tech University (TTU) System Board of Regents (BOR).

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. General Considerations

   a. Required contribution by faculty. TTUHSC El Paso is a community of scholars dedicated to teaching and to the advancement of scientific knowledge through scholarship. An essential component of academic endeavors provided by faculty members who have clinical skills is participation in clinical service. Faculty members may also serve the academic community through participation in institutional governance (e.g., committee work), in addition to other activities. Some TTUHSC El Paso faculty members also make important contributions to the community in the form of their academically related public service complementary to the institutional mission. All of these contributions by faculty members will be recognized as essential to the mission of TTUHSC El Paso.

   b. Competence and objectivity. Faculty members at TTUHSC El Paso have correlative responsibilities. In addition to maintaining standards of competence, particularly those relating to scholarship and teaching ability, faculty members are also responsible for maintaining objectivity and industry and cooperating with colleagues and associates in the university.

   c. Subject to adjustments. With approval of the dean, faculty members are subject to adjustments to salary, administrative positions, employment duties, and campus location.

   d. Non-discrimination. All tenure and/or promotion considerations and recommendations rest upon objective requirements in relationship to the ability of faculty members to perform effectively their responsibilities in teaching, scholarship, clinical service, and academically-related or other public service. Such considerations and recommendations are to be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, status as a covered veteran, or any other legally protected category, class, or characteristic, which, otherwise, do not preclude performance of requisite faculty responsibilities.

2. Academic Freedom

   a. Open expression. Achievement of the teaching, research, patient care and service missions of TTUHSC El Paso depends upon an uninhibited search for truth and its open expression. Hence, it is essential that faculty members be free to pursue scholarly inquiry without undue restriction, and to voice and publish individual conclusions concerning the significance of evidence that they consider relevant.
b. **Content of teaching material.** TTUHSC El Paso faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing the subject they teach, but should refrain from introducing controversial matters which bear no relationship to the classroom subject. When speaking, writing or acting as a citizen of the nation, state or community, faculty members must be free from institutional censorship or discipline, and should make it clear that in this capacity they do not speak for TTUHSC El Paso. Faculty members are subject to academic responsibility as noted below in this policy.

3. **Academic Responsibility**

a. **Information provided by faculty.** Faculty candidates agree to provide complete, accurate and current information on all applications for employment and credentialing as deemed necessary by TTUHSC El Paso. Prior to commencement of employment, and as a condition of continued employment with TTUHSC El Paso, faculty members shall, at a minimum, obtain and maintain all the requisite licenses/certifications required by the state of Texas and other such governmental and professional boards having authority over them and practice privileges where applicable. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension without pay and/or termination.

b. **Responsibility of faculty.** The concept of academic freedom for faculty members is accompanied by an equally important concept of academic responsibility. Faculty members have a responsibility to TTUHSC El Paso, their profession, students, and society at large. The rights of faculty members as extended by society and protected by written policies and the law require the reciprocal assumption of certain responsibilities. The fundamental responsibilities of faculty members as teachers, scholars and/or clinicians include maintaining competence in their field of specialization as exhibited in the classroom, the clinic or laboratory and in the public arena by such activities as discussions, lectures, consulting, publications, and participation in professional organizations and meetings.

c. **Protection of statements.** Statements by faculty members are protected even though they may be critical in tone or content. However, such statements are not protected by free speech if, they substantially impede faculty members’ performance of their duties, materially and substantially interfere with the regular operation of TTUHSC El Paso, or are part of a continuing pattern of expression that may destroy the harmony and morale of an academic unit. False statements made publicly with knowledge of their falsity, or in reckless disregard for the truth, are not subject to constitutional protection. Such action may call into question the fitness of faculty members to perform their professional duties.

d. **Conduct in the classroom.** Faculty members should be professional in their conduct in the classroom and in relationships with students, maintain respect for students and students’ rights in the learning experience, and be reasonably available to students for consultation concerning course work.

4. **Tenure Perspectives**

a. **Concept of tenure.** Academic tenure has been developed so that TTUHSC El Paso may have the benefit of the competent and honest judgment of its faculty. Tenure recognizes the professional status of faculty members and assures that employment may be terminated only for cause. The burden of proof rests upon TTUHSC El Paso when it elects to dismiss tenured faculty members.

b. **Purposes of tenure.** The purposes of tenure are to protect the academic freedom of the faculty member, to ensure faithful observance of the requirements of academic due process, and to retain, encourage, and promote the ablest and most promising faculty members. This policy defines the types of appointments that may lead to tenure and specifies procedures for granting tenure.
c. **Award of tenure.** Tenure may be awarded at certain ranks only after a period of probationary service. TTUHSC El Paso may award tenure based on excellence of performance in the following areas relevant to faculty members' disciplines:

(1) teaching;
(2) scholarship (includes appropriate research pursuits);
(3) clinical service; and
(4) academically-related or other public service.

**Tenure at TTUHSC El Paso is awarded only by formal action of the TTU System BOR.**

d. **Ranks eligible for tenure.** Members of the faculty with the rank of associate professor and professor alone are eligible for tenure. Tenure does not apply to administrative appointments.

5. **Non-tenure Track Appointments**

a. **Term appointment.** Non-tenure track term appointments (0.5 to 1 FTE) are for a specific period of time. Faculty appointees in non-tenured positions shall be given a statement in writing of the conditions and period of their appointment. Term appointments may be renewed. However, reappointment shall not create the right to a subsequent term appointment. Time served by persons in non-tenure track series cannot be used as time accrued toward tenure. Each school may select titles from the following non-tenure track appointment positions:

(1) **Non-tenure track appointments.** Non-tenure track appointments apply to non-tenure track TTUHSC El Paso faculty members who are, at the least, halftime (i.e., 0.5 FTE), and to individuals with the appropriate professional credentials, as determined by TTUHSC El Paso, who are employees of institutions holding formal affiliation agreements with TTUHSC El Paso as follows:

   (a) assistant instructor;
   (b) instructor;
   (c) assistant professor;
   (d) associate professor; or
   (e) professor.

(2) **Faculty associate appointments.** Faculty associate non-tenure track titles may be used for persons who are employees of TTUHSC El Paso and who function in teaching, research, or clinical support roles.

(3) **Research appointments.** The following non-tenure track appointments are for faculty members engaged primarily in research, with incidental teaching and/or patient care responsibilities:

   (a) research instructor;
   (b) research assistant professor;
   (c) research associate professor; or
(d) research professor.

b. **Other term appointments with qualifying conditions.** Non-tenure track term appointments with qualifying conditions are written for a specific period of time. Faculty appointees in non-tenured positions with qualifying conditions shall be given a statement in writing of the conditions and period of their appointment. Term appointments with qualifying conditions may be renewed. However, reappointment to any such position shall not create the right to a subsequent term appointment. Each school may select titles from the following non-tenure track appointment positions:

1. **Clinical appointments.** The following non-tenure track appointments are reserved for TTUHSC El Paso appointees with less than half-time appointments (i.e., less than 0.5 FTE, i.e., less than half-time commitment to and less than half-time compensation) from TTUHSC El Paso:
   
   (a) clinical lecturer;
   
   (b) clinical instructor;
   
   (c) clinical assistant professor;
   
   (d) clinical associate professor; or
   
   (e) clinical professor.

Sections 10 and 12 herein do not apply to clinical appointments.

2. **Non-clinical appointments.** The following non-tenure track appointments are reserved for TTUHSC El Paso appointees with less than half-time appointments (less than 0.5 FTE, i.e., less than half-time commitment to and less than half-time compensation) from TTUHSC El Paso:

   (a) lecturer;

   (b) instructor;

   (c) assistant professor;

   (d) associate professor; or

   (e) professor.

Sections 10 and 12 herein do not apply to non-clinical appointments.

3. **Adjunct appointments.** The term “adjunct” may be used in conjunction with any appropriate non-tenure track titles, including joint appointments, to indicate that appointees are regularly engaged as employees of another institution or agency. The following “adjunct” series also may be used for TTUHSC El Paso faculty who may be engaged in part-time or full-time teaching and/or patient care activities in a duly authorized TTUHSC El Paso program and whose compensation is not derived from TTUHSC El Paso state-appropriated faculty budgets:

   (a) adjunct instructor;

   (b) adjunct assistant professor;

   (c) adjunct associate professor; or
(d) adjunct professor.

Sections 10 and 12 herein do not apply to adjunct appointments.

(4) Visiting appointments. The following non-tenure track appointments are reserved for distinguished individuals who meet the criteria for appointment in senior academic ranks. Visiting appointments may be part- or full-time, but are not continuing unless approved by the dean:

(a) visiting associate professor, or

(b) visiting professor.

Sections 10 and 12 herein do not apply to visiting appointments.

c. Non-reappointment in non-tenure series of appointments. Faculty appointments in the non-tenure track series shall be reviewed annually by the respective department chairs and deans. Although a reason for the decision not to reappoint is not required, a decision not to reappoint cannot be based on considerations violative of academic freedom or other legally impermissible reasons. TTUHSC El Paso will be compliant in following its established standards or prescribed procedures. A written notice of non-reappointment will be issued by the dean to faculty no less than four months prior to August 31 of each year.

Notice of non-reappointment to clinical, non-clinical, adjunct, and visiting faculty may be issued at any time.

d. Notice of non-reappointment following five years of service. After a period of five years of service in the full-time non-tenure track at the assistant professor, associate professor, or professor level, a written notice of reappointment or non-reappointment will be issued by the dean no less than 12 months prior to the date of separation.

Notice of non-reappointment to clinical, non-clinical, adjunct, and visiting faculty may be issued at any time.

e. Transition within non-tenure track appointments.

(1) Non-tenured faculty members are subject to adjustments to salary, administrative positions, employment duties, and campus location.

(2) After a period of five years of service in the non-tenure track at the assistant professor level or three years at the associate professor or professor level, extended appointments not to exceed five years may be offered upon recommendation by department chair and approval of the dean.

(3) The transition from the non-tenure track series to the tenure track series, or vice versa, may be permitted following review and by mutual agreement of the faculty member, the respective department chair and dean. Absent extraordinary circumstances which are approved by the dean, only one transfer between tracks will be permitted.

(4) Non-tenure track faculty may be eligible for promotion in accordance with requirements and procedures provided for in the respective schools’ tenure and promotion guidelines.

f. Conditions of non-reappointment and dismissal
(1) Faculty members are entitled to review their personnel files and to obtain a copy of the information contained therein at their expense. The non-reappointment appeal process for an alleged violation of academic freedom, other legally impermissible reasons, or TTUHSC El Paso's non-compliance in following its established standards or prescribed procedures is set out in Section 10.2b of this policy.

(2) Faculty members holding non-tenure appointments may be dismissed for cause as set out in Sections 11 and 12 of this policy.

6. Tenure and Tenure Track Appointments

a. **Time served.** Time served on the tenure track in the assistant professor, associate professor and professor ranks shall count as probationary time toward the award of tenure. (See Section 7 of this policy.) Tenure may be awarded only at the associate professor and professor ranks.

b. **Tenure track appointments.** The following tenure track appointments are for full-time faculty members.

1. assistant professor;
2. associate professor;
3. professor.

c. **Tenured appointment.** A tenured appointment assures the right of faculty members to a continuing academic position of employment. Tenured faculty members are subject to adjustments to salary, administrative positions, employment duties, and campus location.

d. **Academic appointment.** Tenure applies only to full-time faculty members including those faculty members with nine month appointments. Although tenure does not apply to administrative positions, faculty members holding administrative positions may be tenured in their respective academic units.

e. **Leave of absence.** Tenure applies to continuous full-time appointment in the academic units which have the authority to initiate tenure recommendations. The following rules govern the effect of a leave of absence upon the maximum probationary period:

1. Leave for four months or less during an academic year shall be included in the maximum probationary period.
2. Continuous leave for more than four months shall cause that entire academic year to be excluded from the maximum probationary period unless faculty members are on faculty development leave, or the equivalent of an approved fellowship, performing scholarly activities.

f. **Joint appointment.**

1. Faculty members whose efforts constitute a 50/50 percent joint appointment in two TTUHSC El Paso academic units may be awarded tenure in the joint position. If one of the units refuses to recommend tenure upon expiration of the probationary period and issues timely written notice, tenure shall not be awarded, unless faculty members are given full-time employment in the academic unit that elects to recommend tenure.

2. Faculty members whose efforts do not constitute a 50/50 percent appointment in two TTUHSC El Paso academic units may be awarded tenure only in the unit that absorbs the remainder of the faculty member's appointment if the faculty member relinquishes, or is asked to relinquish, the part of the appointment that is less than 50 percent.
g. **Restructuring of Academic Units.** If a department or other academic unit is merged or otherwise reorganized, tenured faculty members in the affected academic unit shall not lose their tenure appointment solely because of such reorganization.

7. **Probationary period**

   a. **Probationary appointment.** Probationary appointees serve in a faculty status leading to the possible award of tenure. Probationary appointees are reappointed after appropriate review each academic year unless otherwise given written notice. (See Section 10.a of this policy.) Such appointees are subject to adjustments to salary, administrative positions, employment duties, and campus location.

   b. **Maximum probationary period.** The maximum probationary period for tenure consideration is the same for all tenure-eligible ranks. Before the end of the seven-year probationary period, non-tenured assistant professors, associate professors, or professors must be notified in writing either that tenure has been awarded or that the appointment will not be renewed at the end of the eighth year.

   c. **Early tenure.** Requests for early tenure consideration may be appropriate if faculty members' accomplishments are exceptional. Each school will establish criteria for awarding tenure before the end of the maximum probationary period.

   d. **Previous service.** Previous full-time service at the rank of assistant professor, associate professor, or professor, or comparable status in institutions of higher learning, may be applied toward the award of tenure. The dean's letter of appointment shall state whether, and to what extent, time served at another institution will be applied to the probationary period.

   e. **Tenure with appointment.** The president, at the request of a dean, may recommend that the TTU System BOR award appointment with tenure to accommodate the recruitment of senior faculty who have been granted tenure by universities or institutions of higher learning that are at levels comparable to TTUHSC El Paso, or whose qualifications merit tenure with appointment. The qualifications of candidates for appointment with tenure will be reviewed in accordance with school tenure and promotion policies, standards and guidelines, as well as Section 9 of this policy.

   f. **Extenuating circumstances.** Occasionally, faculty members may experience extenuating circumstances during their appointment resulting in the need to interrupt the probationary period. Consequently, the years considered as part of the probationary period may not be consecutive. Staying the probationary period will not jeopardize or adversely affect faculty members in the tenure review. Guidelines for requests to stay the probationary period are provided in Section 8 of this policy.

   g. **Computing date of service.** In computing probationary periods for tenure, the effective date of each appointment shall be September 1 of the calendar year in which the appointment is made. A common tenure anniversary date of August 31 for all tenure-eligible academic appointments shall apply. See Section 6.f of this policy, for computing periods of leave without pay.

8. **Extension of tenure track probationary period**

   a. **Adjustment of probationary period.** Faculty members may request an extension of their maximum probationary period in order to accommodate those faculty faced with extenuating circumstances. This period of time is not a leave of absence, but rather is a defined period during which expectations for faculty performance are adjusted to reflect faculty members' past or current circumstances. The expectations and responsibilities during this period will be defined in writing by the respective department chair(s) and
approved by the dean.

b. **Extension of probationary period.** The maximum extension that may be granted to faculty members is three years, regardless of the combination of circumstances. Faculty members who are granted an extension of the probationary period will be evaluated on the same basis and by the same standards as though there had been no extension.

(1) **Parenting a new child.** Tenure-track faculty members who become the parent of children by birth or adoption during the probationary period for tenure may request a one-year extension of their maximum probationary period to provide time to adjust to the demands of parenting newborn or adopted children. An application for a second consecutive extension may be submitted, but must be approved by the dean, prior to completion of the first extension.

Requests for extension of the probationary period must be submitted as soon as possible after the birth or adoption. If both parents are employed in an eligible position at TTUHSC El Paso, each of them may request an extension of the probationary period for each birth or adoption that adds a child or children to their family.

(2) **Other extenuating circumstances.** When faced with extenuating circumstances, tenure-track faculty members may request an extension of up to three years of the maximum probationary period for reasons beyond the faculty members’ control that deprive them of reasonable opportunity to demonstrate their ability and potential as faculty members. Examples of extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, care for seriously ill children or family members, physical disaster affecting research materials, and exceptional institutional responsibilities.

(3) **Procedure for requesting an extension.** Individual schools will develop criteria for consideration of requests for extension of the maximum probationary period. School procedural guidelines will require, at a minimum, that such requests be submitted in writing through the department chair to the dean for approval.

9. **Tenure and promotion decision process**

a. **Criteria and standards.** The criteria and areas of performance to be considered in the tenure and promotion decision processes may consist of teaching, scholarship, clinical service, and academically-related or other public service. Individual schools will develop standards of excellence in each of these areas. These standards should also describe the relative importance of each performance category, along with the related criteria for award of tenure or receipt of promotion.

b. **Guidelines.** Individual schools will develop and publish written policies that translate tenure and promotion standards into guidelines that are appropriate to their disciplines. It shall be the responsibility of the deans to assure appropriate faculty participation in the development of these standards and guidelines, to approve school tenure and promotion policies, and to monitor their application. Deans shall review these guidelines periodically and consider appropriate recommendations from the faculty, according to the bylaws of each school.

c. **Information regarding criteria, standards, and guidelines.** It is the responsibility of the respective department chairs and deans, to ensure that all faculty members are provided the written tenure and promotion criteria, standards, and guidelines of the school and the department in which appointment has been made.

d. **Procedure for review of qualifications for tenure and promotion.** Primary responsibility for evaluation of the academic qualifications of candidates for tenure and/or promotion rests with the faculty.
(1) Where applicable, six sequential steps in the tenure and/or promotion review process are as follows:

(a) peer review by tenured faculty members in the department for consideration of tenure;

(b) peer review by faculty members of higher academic rank in the department for consideration of promotion;

(c) review by the department chair;

(d) review by the school’s committee charged with tenure and promotion;

(e) review by the dean; and

(f) review by the president.

(2) In conducting reviews at the department level, all tenured faculty in the respective department shall have an opportunity to vote on a tenure recommendation. Likewise, in conducting reviews at the department level, all faculty of higher academic rank in the respective department shall have an opportunity to vote on a promotion recommendation. However, no faculty member currently or previously related by blood or marriage may participate in the tenure and/or promotion evaluation process of any such relative. The department chair is responsible for making an independent tenure or promotion recommendation in writing to the dean. The summary of the vote by appropriate faculty of the department (or of any special review committee) is to be forwarded with the department chair’s recommendation to the school tenure and promotion committee, along with appropriate documentation in the tenure or promotion dossier.

(3) Each school within TTUHSC El Paso will have a committee responsible for tenure and promotion, the composition of which will be outlined in the school’s respective bylaws. The school tenure and promotion committee will review recommendations for tenure and/or promotion in terms of department and school standards. Each school’s tenure and promotion committee will forward its recommendations to the dean, who will be responsible for reviewing and recommending appropriate action on all tenure and/or promotion recommendations emanating from the school. These recommendations, with accompanying documentation in the tenure and/or promotion dossier, will be forwarded to the president. The final recommendations on tenure and/or promotion will then be made by the president and forwarded to the TTU System BOR.

Faculty members may be awarded tenure and/or promotion only by formal action of the TTU System BOR.

10. Non-reappointment of faculty

a. Notice of non-reappointment of tenure track faculty. Although a reason for the decision not to reappoint tenure-track probationary faculty is not required, a decision not to reappoint cannot be based on considerations violative of academic freedom or other legally impermissible reasons. TTUHSC El Paso will be compliant in following its established standards or prescribed procedures. Except under conditions relating to the dismissal of faculty noted in Section 11, deans shall give written notice of non-reappointment of non-tenured faculty members on tenure track probationary appointments in accordance with the following schedule. For computing the period of
employment, the effective date of each appointment shall be September 1 of the calendar year in which the appointment is made.

(1) at least four months before the end of two years of service;

(2) at least nine months for those with more than two years of service.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, notice of non-reappointment may be given at any time prior to the notice deadline.

b. Appeal of non-reappointment for non-tenured faculty (non-tenure track and tenure track).

TTUHSC El Paso is not required to give any non-tenured faculty members a reason for the decision to not reappoint. However, faculty members are entitled to review their personnel files and to obtain a copy of the information contained therein at their expense.

If non-tenured faculty members allege that the decision not to reappoint them is caused by considerations violative of academic freedom, legally impermissible reasons, or for significant noncompliance with TTUHSC El Paso’s established standards or prescribed procedures, the allegation shall be given consideration in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) Faculty members shall submit in writing, and with specificity, allegations of improper non-reappointment, as outlined above, and request a hearing within fifteen (15) TTUHSC El Paso business days of receipt of the notice of non-reappointment. Faculty members shall submit the allegations and request for hearing to the dean, the department chair, and the chair of the School Hearing Committee.

(2) A hearing will be initiated by the School Hearing Committee as soon as possible after receipt of written, specific allegations. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with guidelines and procedures provided in Section 12.i-k of this policy. Under these procedural guidelines, the panel of the School Hearing Committee will select a chair and may request pro bono legal counsel or legal counsel from the Office of General Counsel. Legal counsel may advise the hearing panel but may not vote. The faculty member shall have the right to appear in person with legal counsel retained by the individual. Failure on the part of the faculty member to use an attorney or other representative at the hearing shall not preclude the hearing panel from using legal counsel or other assistance from the Office of General Counsel. An audio recording of the proceedings shall be made and delivered to the dean, and a copy of the audio recording will be made available to the faculty member. The record will be transcribed only on the request of either the faculty member or the dean and at the expense of the requesting party.

(3) The faculty member shall have the burden of proving to the hearing panel facts that establish the non-reappointment was improper, as outlined above. The procedure shall be investigatory and non-adversarial in nature.

(4) Within ten (10) TTUHSC El Paso business days of conclusion of the hearing, the chair of the hearing panel shall deliver the findings, recommendations, and minority opinions, if any, to the dean.

(5) Upon receipt of the hearing panel’s findings and recommendations, and within ten (10) TTUHSC El Paso business days thereof, the dean shall submit these documents, along with his or her findings and recommendations, to the president and to the faculty member.

(6) The president shall review the findings and recommendations and within ten (10) TTUHSC El Paso business days of receipt of the dean’s recommendation make a decision. The president’s decision will be stated in writing and communicated to the dean and the faculty member. The decision of the president shall be final.
11. **Grounds for dismissal of tenured and non-tenured faculty**

   a. **Dismissal.** Dismissal of all faculty members before the expiration of the stated period of their appointment, except by resignation or retirement, will be for cause only.

   b. **Cause for dismissal.** Examples of cause for dismissal of appointment of faculty members include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

      (1) professional incompetence;

      (2) neglect of professional responsibilities;

      (3) moral turpitude adversely affecting the performance of duties or the meeting of responsibilities to the school, or to students or associates;

      (4) mental or physical disability of a continuing nature adversely affecting the performance of duties or the meeting of responsibilities to the school, or to students or associates that cannot be reasonably accommodated;

      (5) unprofessional conduct adversely affecting the performance of duties or the meeting of responsibilities to the school, or to students or associates.

      (6) failure to pass comprehensive performance evaluation (See HScep OP 60.03 Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty).

12. **Procedures in dismissal cases.** Due process as set forth in this policy statement embodies a course of proceedings in line with rules and principles generally recognized in the academic community. Among these is the right of a tenured faculty member and a non-tenured faculty member during the term of his or her appointment, to request and be granted a hearing before a panel of the School Hearing Committee when notice of cause and request for dismissal has been received by the faculty member and the dean.

   In each case, the procedure for dismissal will be determined by an equitable procedure, affording protection to the rights of the individual and to the interests of TTUHSC El Paso.

   a. **Written notice.** A faculty member shall not be dismissed until he or she has received written notice of the cause for dismissal and, except as specified below, only after a reasonable opportunity for a hearing, which shall meet the established procedures of due process as set forth herein and in which the school shall bear the burden of showing cause for dismissal.

   b. **Salary and duties.** The faculty member will receive his or her salary until conclusion of the dismissal procedures and may continue the performance of his or her duties for that period unless the individual's welfare or that of the school, in the opinion of the dean, requires that a leave of absence be issued. A faculty member's salary, benefits, and duties may be discontinued, on written recommendation of the dean and approval by the president, in cases of job abandonment, loss of professional license/certification to practice, loss of clinical credentials, or similar instances where the faculty member, either by choice or as the result of official actions, becomes prohibited from fulfilling the conditions of his or her employment.

   c. **Resignation.** In cases where the respondent faculty member admits his or her conduct constitutes cause, or does not choose to have a hearing, he or she may resign.

   d. **Lapse of deadline.** Failure to appeal the dismissal, or to submit one's resignation, within fifteen (15) TTUHSC El Paso business days of receipt of written notice as set forth above, will relieve TTUHSC El Paso of any further obligation to pay a faculty member's salary and benefits, effective immediately, and completes the dismissal process. The
e. **School Hearing Committee and Hearing Panel.** The School Hearing Committee shall be charged with initiating a hearing in cases of dismissal of tenured faculty or non-tenured faculty during their term of appointment. The composition and method of selecting a School Hearing Committee panel will be set forth in the faculty bylaws of each school.

f. **Mediation.** Before the filing of formal dismissal charges by the dean, a reasonable effort shall be made to mediate and reconcile differences, where appropriate. Upon written notification by the dean of a request for dismissal, and within fifteen (15) TTUHSC El Paso business days, the chair of the School Hearing Committee shall appoint a mediation team comprised of two faculty members, neither of whom serves in the same department as the faculty member recommended for dismissal, who are not on the School Hearing Committee, and who are acceptable to both parties. If no mediators are found acceptable within fifteen (15) TTUHSC El Paso business days, mediation will be deemed not feasible, and the matter will be referred back to the dean. In this case, the dean will determine whether formal charges should issue to dismiss the faculty member for cause.

If a mediation team is acceptable, it shall attempt to reach a mutually acceptable resolution between the dean and faculty member in a thorough, confidential, equitable, and expeditious manner. The mediation team shall report the outcome of the mediation to the president within fifteen (15) TTUHSC El Paso business days of the first day of the mediation. If conciliation is not achieved, the dean shall determine whether formal charges should issue to dismiss the faculty member for cause.

g. **Formal dismissal charges.** In all cases where formal dismissal charges issue, the faculty member will be informed in writing of the charges. The charges will be considered by the panel of the School Hearing Committee unless the faculty member resigns, as set out in Section 12.c. of this policy, or the faculty member fails to cooperate in advancing the appeal, per Section 12.d. of this policy.

h. **Right to hearing.** Upon receipt of formal dismissal charges, the faculty member shall also be notified in writing of his or her right to a hearing and shall be given fifteen (15) TTUHSC El Paso business days from the date of receipt of such notice to submit to the dean and the chair of the School Hearing Committee a request for a hearing before the panel of the School Hearing Committee. Upon receipt of the request, the chair of the School Hearing Committee will take the necessary measures to address the formal charges as soon as possible.

i. **Hearing panel.** The panel of the School Hearing Committee will select a chair and may, if it chooses, request *pro bono* legal counsel from the Office of General Counsel. Legal counsel will advise the School Hearing Committee, but may not vote. If the panel of the School Hearing Committee retains *pro bono* legal counsel from outside the Office of the General Counsel, it may consult with the Office of General Counsel regarding technical questions not directly bearing on the merits of the case.

j. **Representatives at hearing.** In a dismissal hearing, the faculty member shall have the right to appear in person with legal counsel retained by the individual, or representative of his or her choice, and to confront and cross-examine witnesses. The faculty member shall have the right to testify, but may not be required to do so, and may introduce in his or her behalf all evidence, written or oral, which he or she considers to be relevant or material to the case. TTUHSC El Paso shall also have the right to legal counsel from the Office of General Counsel in the preparation and presentation of charges and have the same rights in the hearing as those accorded the faculty member. Failure on the part of the faculty member to utilize an attorney or other representative at the hearing shall not preclude the panel of the School Hearing Committee from utilizing *pro bono* legal counsel or other assistance from the Office of General Counsel.
k. **Procedural aspects.** The parties shall make any objections, substantive or procedural, deemed relevant during the course of the hearing, although neither the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure nor the Texas Rules of Evidence shall apply to the hearing.

l. **Recording.** An audio recording of the proceedings shall be made and delivered by the dean to the president of TTUHSC El Paso, and a copy of the audio recording shall be made available to the faculty member. The record will be transcribed only on the request of either the faculty member or the president at the expense of the requesting party.

m. **Findings of hearing panel.** The nature of the hearing or review of the formal dismissal charges shall be investigatory and non-adversarial. The panel of the School Hearing Committee, by majority of its membership, shall make written findings on the material facts on each charge and make specific recommendations with regard to each of the charges, as well as general recommendations concerning dismissal. The panel of the School Hearing Committee, by majority of its membership, may make any supplementary suggestions it deems proper concerning disposition of the case. If minority findings, recommendations, or suggestions are made, they shall be similarly treated.

n. **Dean's review.** The chair of the panel of the School Hearing Committee shall deliver the written findings, recommendations, and suggestions to the dean within seven (7) TTUHSC El Paso business days of the hearing. The dean shall review the committee's findings and recommendations and, within seven (7) TTUHSC El Paso business days, shall transmit them along with his or her own recommendations to the president.

o. **President's review in dismissal of non-tenured faculty.** In the case of dismissal of a non-tenured faculty member, the president shall review the School Hearing Committee's findings and recommendations and the dean's recommendations and make a decision. The president's decision will be stated in writing and communicated to the faculty member and the dean within ten (10) TTUHSC El Paso business days of receipt of the recommendations of the School Hearing Committee and the dean. The decision of the president shall be final.

p. **President's review in dismissal of tenured faculty.** In the case of a dismissal of a tenured faculty member, the president shall transmit the findings and recommendations of the panel of the School Hearing Committee and the dean's recommendations, along with his or her recommendations, to the faculty member, dean and to the TTU System BOR for its consideration. The TTU System BOR, by a majority of its total membership, shall take final action. The decision of the TTU System BOR will be stated in writing and communicated to the president, who will communicate it to the dean. The president shall also notify the faculty member in writing of the TTU System BOR's decision. The decision of the TTU System BOR shall be final. Once the TTU System BOR acts to dismiss, salary and benefits shall cease, unless such has been discontinued previously for any reason referenced hereinabove.

q. **President's right to extend time periods or intervene.** The president shall have the prerogative of extending any of the time periods specified above if, in his or her opinion, it is in the best interest of TTUHSC El Paso or the faculty member. The president shall have the right to intervene when, in his or her judgment, the proceedings are not progressing in a timely manner.

r. **Suspension of faculty.** The procedures for dismissal described in the foregoing paragraphs of this section do not negate the right of the president to suspend the faculty member from all or some duties when the president reasonably believes it to be in the best interest of the institution. The suspension with pay shall be without appeal and shall continue until such time as the suspended faculty member has been accorded the procedural rights described in this section.

13. **Financial exigency, phasing out, or reorganization of programs**
a. Financial exigency: The TTU System BOR has sole authority to declare financial exigency. When faculty dismissals are contemplated on grounds of financial exigency, there should be timely notice as reasonably early as possible. In cases of financial exigency, the faculty members involved shall be given opportunities for appointment in related areas of the school or TTUHSC El Paso, provided they are qualified professionally to serve in such areas, and provided such positions are available.

b. Phasing out, or reorganization of programs: When faculty dismissals are contemplated on grounds of program termination or reduction, or reorganization of academic units, there should be timely notice as reasonably early as possible, with affected faculty having an opportunity to address the matter with the dean. Recommendations from the faculty will be sought by the dean regarding alternatives available to the school to ensure continuation of a strong academic program and to minimize the losses sustained by affected students and faculty members. In cases of the phasing out of programs requiring reduction in the number of faculty, the faculty members involved shall be given opportunities for appointment in related areas of the school or TTUHSC El Paso, provided they are qualified professionally to serve in such areas, and provided such positions are available.

14. **Implementation**

a. This policy, as amended, applies to all faculty members and is to be implemented immediately upon approval by the TTU System BOR. Faculty members in tenure track probationary status at the time of an amendment will have the option of electing the tenure and promotion decision process of either the tenure policy that was in effect when they were appointed or that was in effect at the time of application for tenure. All faculty members are subject to all other provisions and procedures of this tenure policy, as amended, upon its approval by the TTU System BOR. Faculty members who have been awarded tenure at TTUHSC El Paso shall continue under this policy, as amended. This policy shall not be applied in derogation of any faculty members’ contract rights. It is not the intent of this policy to operate in derogation of any substantive benefit earned by tenured faculty members under a previous TTUHSC El Paso tenure policy.
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSCEP OP: 60.03, Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) El Paso Operating Policy and Procedure (HSCEP OP) is to provide for the comprehensive performance evaluation of tenured faculty at TTUHSC El Paso consistent with the current Texas Tech University (TTU) System Board of Regents’ (BOR) guidelines.

REVIEW: This HSCEP OP and its attachments will be reviewed by February 15 every even-numbered year (ENY) by the deans and assistant vice president for faculty affairs or designee, with any recommendations for revision forwarded to the president for approval. Any changes in this HSCEP OP must be approved by the TTU System BOR.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. General Considerations.
   a. As used in this HSCEP OP, the term “faculty” applies to tenured faculty.
   b. Each academic dean or designated representative will review with the respective impaneled peer review committee the process used for determining the merit of each faculty member’s performance in order to ensure that performance evaluations are conducted without regard to a faculty member’s race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, Vietnam era or special disability veteran status, genetic information, or refusal to submit to genetic testing.
   c. The comprehensive performance evaluation is intended to enhance and protect, rather than diminish, the important guarantees of tenure and academic freedom. The purpose of comprehensive evaluation of faculty is to provide guidance for continuing and meaningful faculty professional development; to enable faculty to enhance professional skills and achieve professional goals; to refocus academic and professional efforts, when appropriate; to ascertain that faculty members are meeting their responsibilities to the university and the State of Texas; and to comply with Texas Education Code, 51.942, as amended or modified, and policies of the TTU System BOR.
   d. The acceptance and success of comprehensive performance evaluation for faculty are 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 are essential to the success of this policy.
   e. Each school within TTUHSC El Paso shall develop and implement a review procedure for faculty that, at a minimum, results in a comprehensive performance evaluation report and meets the requirements set forth in Section 2 below. Each school’s procedure is to be developed with appropriate faculty input, including consultation with and guidance from faculty governance organizations. Upon approval by the president of TTUHSC El Paso, each school’s procedure shall be incorporated as an attachment to this HSCEP OP.
   f. While distinct from the annual evaluation process required of all TTUHSC El Paso employees, comprehensive performance evaluations of faculty may be integrated with the annual evaluation process to form a single comprehensive faculty development and evaluation process.
Nothing in this HSCEP OP or in the application of this evaluation procedure shall (i) negate the provisions of HSCEP OP 60.01, Tenure and Promotion Policy, currently in effect; (ii) be interpreted or applied to infringe on the tenure system, academic freedom, due process, or other protected faculty rights; (iii) establish new term-tenure systems; or (iv) require faculty to reestablish their credentials for tenure.

Each academic dean or designated representative will review each faculty performance evaluation performed in the school to ensure that appraisals were properly conducted utilizing only lawful, job-related and non-discriminatory criteria.

2. Requirements of Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty. Consistent with Texas Education Code, §51.942, as amended or modified, and HSCEP OP 60.01, requirements established for comprehensive performance evaluation of tenured faculty and faculty receiving academic promotions at TTUHSC El Paso are as follows:

a. **Evaluation Focus:** The evaluation process will be directed toward the professional development of the faculty member and is to include a comprehensive review of the faculty member’s duties and responsibilities including teaching, research, service, administration, when applicable and, for faculty with clinical responsibilities, clinical service. The comprehensive performance evaluation shall include consideration of the faculty member’s annual employment evaluation(s), the results of the peer review described below, and any other materials submitted by the faculty member.

b. **Evaluation Schedule:** Evaluations under this policy shall be conducted not more often than once every year but no less than once every six (6) years after the date the faculty member is granted tenure. Periods when a faculty member is on leave are not counted in calculating when the evaluation is required. The evaluation may not be waived for any faculty member, but may be deferred when the evaluation coincides with comprehensive review for granting of promotion; or appointment to an endowed position. No deferral of the evaluation of an active faculty member may extend beyond six (6) years. Administrators with academic appointments who are subject to review under other policies or customary faculty duties are subject to comprehensive evaluation within six (6) years of the date of return to active faculty service.

Comprehensive evaluation under this policy does not preclude other evaluations of faculty and appropriate actions as may be necessary or authorized under applicable policies.

c. **Materials Submitted by Faculty Member:** The faculty member being evaluated shall submit or arrange for the submission of a resume or curriculum vitae, a summary statement of professional accomplishments, annual reports, and teaching evaluations. The faculty member may submit additional materials that the faculty member deems appropriate.

d. **Evaluation Procedure:** The evaluation report required under this policy shall be completed not more than one year from the date that written notice of intent to review is provided to the individual faculty member.

1. **Notice:** Notice shall be given at least six (6) months prior to the date of commencement of the evaluation and shall include:

   a. Date by which the faculty member must submit all materials and to whom;

   b. Time period covered by the evaluation;

   c. Expected time period after submission of materials by which a meeting shall be scheduled with the peer review committee (i.e., within_months/weeks); and

   d. Anticipated date by which the final evaluation report with recommendations
shall be completed.

(2) **Peer Review:** The faculty member shall have an opportunity to meet with a peer review committee made up of TTUHSC El Paso tenured faculty as impaneled by each respective school. Committee members shall consider all materials submitted by the faculty member and may make observation visits, as the committee deems appropriate. The committee's written findings and recommendations shall be contained in the evaluation report.

(3) **Evaluation Report:** The evaluation report shall be compiled in writing and distributed for review and appropriate action to the faculty member, department chair, dean or dean's designee, and the president.

3. **Actions Based on Evaluation Report.**

   a. The faculty member may challenge the evaluation report according to each school's review procedure, as defined in Section 1.e. of this policy, and incorporated as attachments to this policy.

   b. The evaluation report may be used:

      (1) To determine salary recommendations, award nominations, or other forms of recognition commensurate with exceptional performance;

      (2) To design remediation and follow-up review for individuals in need of institutional assistance, such as mentoring and counseling for ineffective teaching, research, service, and/or, as applicable, administrative or clinical responsibilities;

      (3) To undertake appropriate disciplinary action if incompetence, neglect of duty or other cause is determined to be present; and/or

      (4) For termination in accordance with the following section.

4. **Dismissal Proceedings.** All proceedings for dismissal of tenured faculty on the basis of the comprehensive performance evaluation of the Tenured Faculty Evaluation Report shall be conducted in accordance with:

   a. Current HSCEP OP 60.01, affording protection to the rights of the individual and the interests of TTUHSC El Paso, and under which requirements include that the faculty member will be informed in writing of the charges, the faculty member may submit a request for a hearing before a school hearing committee, and the school shall bear the burden of showing cause for dismissal;

   or

   b. Texas Education Code §51.942(d) as may be amended, which allows an option for referral of the matter to a nonbinding alternative dispute resolution process as described in Chapter 154, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, or if both parties agree within a reasonable time period not to exceed 20 business days, another type of alternative dispute resolution method. Mediation is a forum in which an impartial person, the mediator, facilitates communication between parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or understanding among them. (§154.023.)
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO
PAUL L. FOSTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

PROCEDURE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
OF TENURED FACULTY

SUBJECT

Peer Review of Tenured Faculty

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Paul L. Foster School of Medicine (PLFSOM) Attachment to HSCEP OP 60.03 is to establish uniform guidelines and procedures leading to a comprehensive performance evaluation of tenured faculty. It will describe also an institutional commitment to assist and support faculty development as part of this peer review, as well as other actions, which may arise as part of this evaluative process.

The procedures are to be consistent with:

1. Texas Education Code Sec. §51.942 Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty; and
2. HSCEP OP 60.03, Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty.
3. Texas Tech University System Board of Regents' Guidelines for Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty (Regents Rules 04.03)

REVIEW:

This PLFSOM Policy will be reviewed by February 15 of every even-numbered year by the dean in consultation with the Committee on Faculty Appointment, Promotion, Tenure, and Comprehensive Performance Evaluation (CFAPTA) and the Academic Council, with recommendations for revision presented to the assistant vice president for faculty affairs or designee for review prior to final approval by the president.

Upon approval by the president, these procedures shall be incorporated as an attachment to HSCEP OP 60.03.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Preamble.
   a. This Peer Review Policy/Procedure is intended to enhance and protect, rather than diminish, the important guarantees of tenure and academic freedom. The objectives are to: provide guidance for continuing and meaningful faculty professional development; enable faculty to enhance professional skills and achieve professional goals; refocus academic and professional efforts, when appropriate; ascertain that faculty members are meeting their responsibilities to the University and the State of Texas; and comply with the laws of the State of Texas as well as the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System and the policies of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso).
   b. The acceptance and success of the periodic peer review of the 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 academic administrators with primary responsibility for monitoring such needed follow-up activities, are essential.
   c. Nothing in this peer review evaluation process shall be interpreted or applied to infringe on
2. Evaluation Focus.

   a. The peer review performance evaluation process will be directed toward the professional development of the faculty member. It will include a comprehensive review of the faculty member's performance of duties and responsibilities as assigned by the departmental chair or the direct supervisor consistent with institutional policy, including, where applicable, an appropriate balance of areas including teaching, scholarship (research), clinical service, and academically-related public service. The criteria for this review shall be consistent with the PLFSOM Guidelines for Faculty Appointment, Tenure and Promotion.

   b. The appropriateness of expectations for assigned duties and responsibilities will be reviewed together with the performance. The faculty member will submit additional supporting documentation as is deemed relevant for the peer review process, including, but not restricted to, the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Application, appendices, and a minimum of three external letters of reference.

Letters of Reference: The candidate furnishes the Office of Faculty Affairs and their department chair with the names of five academic clinicians, educators and/or investigators (not employed by Paul L. Foster School of Medicine PLFSOM who are tenured and at the rank or higher than the candidate), or an equivalent nationally recognized expert (e.g., NIH Director), who can be contacted for letters of reference. It is the responsibility of the department chair to obtain letters of reference from at least three scholarly/academic peers and confirm that the referees meet the criteria stated above. In the instance that the applicant is a department chair, the associate dean for faculty affairs will assume responsibility for requesting letters of reference. The letters must be submitted to the Office of Faculty Affairs no later than the deadline specified on the timeline. The Office of Faculty Affairs will provide department chairs with a template to be used at each chair's discretion. Referees will be requested to evaluate the candidate's Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Application using the appropriate criteria as specified in the PLFSOM Guidelines for Faculty Appointment, Tenure and Promotion.

3. Evaluation Schedule.

   a. Evaluation of part-time administrators who are tenured faculty under this policy will not be waived. Evaluations will be conducted no less than once every six (6) years after the date the faculty member is granted tenure, unless the faculty member is on a leave of absence or assumes a full-time administrative position during this period. Evaluations for persons on leave or serving as full-time administrators with academic appointments will be deferred by the length of time absent or in service, but no deferral of an evaluation of an active faculty member may extend beyond six (6) years from the due date. Full-time administrators with academic appointments will be subject to evaluation within six (6) years of return to full-time, active faculty status. A tenured faculty member shall be considered a full-time administrator if the individual spends 50% or greater time on administrative duties as a chancellor, vice chancellor, president, provost, vice president, associate vice president, assistant vice president, dean, associate dean, or assistant dean, as defined by the dean of the school where the faculty member is appointed.

   b. The promotion of a tenured faculty member from associate professor to full professor is based on a comprehensive performance evaluation equivalent to the performance evaluation described under this policy. Therefore, the effective date of the promotion will start a new six (6)-year cycle for peer review under this policy.

   c. Except as provided in 3.a. and 3.b. above, all tenured faculty members will be evaluated no less than in six (6)-year intervals.
4. Peer Review Committee.

a. The Peer Review Committee shall be composed of all tenured faculty members of the Committee on Faculty Appointment, Tenure, and Promotion, and Comprehensive Performance Evaluation (CFAPTA) of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.

b. The Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development shall serve as the Chair of the Peer Review Committee, according to the Bylaws of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine.

c. A quorum shall be considered to be 50% or more of all members.

5. Evaluation Procedure.

a. All tenured faculty members to be evaluated in any year will receive a notice of the upcoming review from the Peer Review Committee at least six months in advance of the year in which the evaluation will take place. Faculty members are responsible for submitting their documentation to the Peer Review Committee within six months from the date of notification.

b. The initial evaluation by the Peer Review Committee of material submitted to it will commence according to the timeline published for each year. Each evaluation will be performed by at least two committee members, one of whom must be in the same category (clinician, basic scientist, or medical educator) as the faculty member being evaluated. The reviewers, through the Chair of the Peer Review Committee, may request additional material as deemed necessary. A written report of this initial evaluation will be presented to the Peer Review Committee for consideration and a recorded vote.

c. Committee members will recuse themselves in considerations involving themselves, members of their own department, faculty to whom they are related, or in other instances of possible conflict of interest.

d. The Chair of the Peer Review Committee will develop and approve a Preliminary Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Report for each faculty member evaluated. The Chair of the Peer Review Committee will deliver the preliminary reports in the review year.

6. Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Reports.

a. The Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Reports will be in a standard form. They will state:

1) The specific areas reviewed;
2) The conclusions reached;
3) The basis for the conclusions;
4) Summary findings, i.e., that the faculty member:
   a) Exceeds expectations;
   b) Meets expectations;
   c) Needs remediation needed.

b. This Preliminary Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Report will be distributed to the faculty member for review.

1) If the faculty member does not indicate any disagreement with this report, it shall become the final report.

2) If the faculty member disagrees with the evaluation, he/she shall have ten (10)
working days from receipt of the report within which to notify the Chair of the Peer Review Committee in writing:

a) ____ That he/she is giving official notice of an appeal; and
b) ____ Stating the basis for the appeal by:

i) submitting additional documentation to support the appeal, and ii) Requesting, if desired, to meet in person with the Peer Review Committee.

3) If so requested in writing by the faculty member, the Peer Review Committee shall meet with the faculty member to consider the appeal within ten (10) working days of receiving the notice of appeal. The committee will then formulate a final report including any revisions resulting from this meeting.

4) The final written Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Report shall be distributed to the faculty member, the Chair of the Department, the Dean of the Paul-L. Foster School of Medicine PLFSOM, the assistant vice president for faculty affairs or designee, and the president. If the report indicates a need for remediation, the areas must be clearly identified and specific recommendations made.

7. **Actions based on the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Report.**

a. No development procedures will be initiated for any faculty member receiving an evaluation of “Exceeds Expectations” or “Meets Expectations”.

b. The Dean of the PLFSOM may consider rewarding any faculty member whose performance is evaluated as meritorious but has been deemed by the Peer Review Committee to have not been appropriately recognized.

c. A Development Program as described below (Section 8: Professional Development Procedures) will be initiated when the report from the Peer Review Committee recommends that remediation would be appropriate. Periodic reviews will monitor the progress in a development program.

8. **Professional Development Procedures.**

a. The individual professional development plan is a document indicating how specific deficiencies in a faculty member’s performance will be remedied. The plan will grow out of collaboration between the faculty member, the Peer Review Committee, the Departmental Chair, the Dean, and the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, and should reflect the shared goals of the faculty member, the department, and the Paul-L. Foster School of Medicine PLFSOM. The plan will be formulated with the assistance of, and in consultation with, the faculty member. It is the faculty member’s obligation to assist in the development of a meaningful and effective plan and to make a good faith effort to implement the plan adopted.

b. Development Procedures will be standardized, although specific activities designed to improve performance will vary according to the deficits identified. These Development Procedures are as follows:

1) A specific plan of development, covering a period of time not to exceed two (2) years and based on the recommendations of the Peer Review Committee, will be established by the Chair in consultation with the faculty member and the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs. This program will be submitted to the Peer Review Committee and the Dean of the Paul-L. Foster School of Medicine PLFSOM for final
approval.

2) The plan will (1) identify specific deficiencies to be addressed as indicated in the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation Report; (2) define specific goals or outcomes necessary to remedy the deficiencies; (3) outline the activities to be undertaken to achieve the necessary outcome; (4) set timelines for accomplishing the activities and achieving intermediate and ultimate outcomes; (5) indicate the criteria for assessment; (6) schedule times for review of progress at six-month intervals or more often as may be needed; and (7) identify institutional resources to be committed in support of the plan.

3) The plan should include mechanisms to provide additional institutional support such as mentoring in teaching and research, counseling, financial support, relief time to devote to areas of deficiency and developmental leave for course work or research training.

4) Progress in the development program will be monitored semi-annually, or more often as may be needed, through reports submitted to the Peer Review Committee, and the Office of Faculty Affairs by the faculty member and the Departmental Chair. Two members of the Peer Review Committee will meet with the faculty member, the Chair and the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs annually to review and report on the progress. If the review of progress at the end of the first year shows a clear lack of effort by the faculty member, the Department Chair, on approval by the Peer Review Committee, may file a report to the Dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, suggesting that actions appropriate to an unsatisfactory performance be taken at that time (see 5b). Upon completion of the plan, the Departmental Chair will prepare a final report to the Dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the faculty member, the Peer Review Committee, the Committee on Faculty Appointment, Tenure and Promotion, and Comprehensive Performance Evaluation, CFAAPTA, the assistant vice president for faculty affairs or designee, and the president.

5) Consideration by the Peer Review Committee at the end of the Development Program will result in one of the following recommendations to the Dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine:

a) Determination that satisfactory progress has been made and that no further action is necessary. The faculty member's performance would, thus, be considered satisfactory.

b) Determination that progress has been unsatisfactory and that appropriate actions should be taken.

6) If, at the end of the Development Program, an adverse action is taken by the Chair, then, if so desired, the faculty member may use the Faculty Grievance Policy to complain regarding the decision of the Departmental Chair.

Disciplinary Actions.

a. A faculty member may be subject to revocation of tenure or other disciplinary actions as described below if incompetence, neglect of duty (meaning continued or repeated substantial neglect of professional responsibilities), or other good cause is determined to exist at the completion of, or at any time during, the above process.

b. For faculty found to be performing unsatisfactorily, these guidelines are intended to recognize and distinguish that dismissal, revocation or other disciplinary action taken pursuant to
existing institutional disciplinary procedures or required annual evaluations, are distinct from Dismissal or Revocation of Tenure or other appropriate disciplinary action taken pursuant to a Comprehensive Periodic Evaluation process under the Texas Education Code §51.942, as amended or modified, the procedures for which are set forth below:

1) Revocation of Tenure

A faculty member is subject to revocation of tenure if either incompetence, neglect of duty or other good cause is determined to exist. A faculty member subject to revocation of tenure on the basis of a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation, conducted pursuant to Texas Education Code §51.942, as amended or modified, may apply for a non-tenure track term appointment under TTUHSCEP HSCEP OP 60.01, Tenure and Promotion Policy. In effect, the transition from the non-tenure track series to the tenure track, or vice versa, may be allowed following review and mutual agreement by the faculty member, the head of the academic unit, and the Dean. Absent extraordinary circumstances which are approved by the Dean, only one transfer between tracks will be allowed.

2) Dismissal of Employees

If good cause exists for dismissal under TTUHSCEP HSCEP OP 60.01, Tenure and Promotion Policy, a faculty member subject to dismissal on the basis of a comprehensive performance evaluation, pursuant to Texas Education Code §51.942, as amended, shall be given:

a) An opportunity for referral of the matter to an external, non-binding alternative dispute resolution process ("ADR") as described in Chapter 154 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. All mediators, arbitrators or other persons conducting the ADR must meet the qualifications set forth in Chapter 154 and must be selected by agreement of all parties.

b) Alternatively, if both parties agree, the matter may be referred to the internal mediation procedure set forth in TTUHSCEP HSCEP OP 60.01, Tenure and Promotion Policy.

c) Regardless of whether an internal or external dispute resolution is utilized, a faculty member who is subject to dismissal under this policy shall be provided the charges against him or her. In all such cases, the burden of proof shall be on the institution, and the rights of the faculty member to due process and academic freedom shall be protected.

3) Other Disciplinary Actions:

a) Other disciplinary action is appropriate under existing Regents’ Rules or institutional policies on the basis of the comprehensive performance evaluation conducted pursuant to Texas Education Code §51.942, as amended or modified.

b) Such action does not preclude other disciplinary action based on annual evaluations, or as may be commensurate with events.
Angelo State University
Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 16.03: Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Misconduct, and Title IX Policy and Complaint Procedure

DATE: September 18, 2017

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure is to provide information regarding the University’s prevention and education efforts related to sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, public indecency, Sexual Misconduct, interpersonal violence, and stalking. The policy provides students and employees with their rights and options and also explains how the University will proceed once it is made aware of allegations of prohibited conduct in keeping with the University’s values and in order to meet the legal obligations of Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), Texas Education Code, Section 51.9363, and other applicable law.

REVIEW: This Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) will be reviewed in October of odd-numbered years by the TTUS Office of Equal Opportunity (EO), the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, the Executive Director of Student Affairs, and the Director of Angelo State University Office of Human Resources, with substantive revisions forwarded through the Senior Executive Assistant to the President and General Counsel to the President by December 1 of the same year. Any substantive changes to this policy must be approved by the Board of Regents.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

The University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state law, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex. Any acts that fall within the scope of this policy hereinafter are referred to as Sexual Misconduct.

While sexual orientation and gender identity are not explicitly protected categories under state or federal law, it is the University’s policy not to discriminate in employment, admission, or use of
programs, activities, facilities, or services on this basis. Discriminatory behavior is prohibited regardless of the manner in which it is exhibited, whether verbally, in writing, by actions, or electronically displayed or conveyed.

This policy applies to all University students and employees, visitors, applicants for admission to or employment with the University, as well as University affiliates and others conducting business on campus. This policy will apply to on-campus and off-campus conduct of which the University is made aware and which adversely impacts the educational and employment environments of the University. The University will take all reasonable steps to prevent recurrence of any Sexual Misconduct and remedy discriminatory effects on the Reporting Party and others, if appropriate.

All complaint investigations and procedures will be non-adversarial in nature and will be conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner. Investigations conducted under this policy are not criminal investigations. For all complaints under this policy, the burden of proof shall be a preponderance of the evidence, which means more likely than not.

The University expects all members of the University Community to comply with the law. Members of the University Community who violate these policies and laws may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the University, or being barred from University premises and events.

For complaints relating to any form of discrimination not covered by this policy, see OP 16.02: Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

1. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the definitions below apply. However, some of these terms are also defined under state law. If a person would like to file criminal charges for any alleged violations of criminal law, the definitions as set forth in state law may apply.

a. **Consent** – Mutually understandable words or actions, actively communicated both knowingly and voluntarily, that clearly conveys permission for a specific activity.

   Consent is not effective if it results from: (a) the use of physical force, (b) a threat of physical force, (c) intimidation, (d) coercion, (e) incapacitation, or (f) any other factor that would eliminate an individual’s ability to exercise his or her own free will to choose whether or not to engage in sexual activity.

b. **Employee** – Any person who receives a W-2 or 1042-S from the University, including full and part-time faculty, staff, and students.

c. **Incapacitation** – A state of being that prevents an individual from having capacity to give consent. For example, incapacitation could result from the use of drugs or alcohol, a person being asleep or unconscious, or because of an intellectual or other disability.

d. **Interpersonal Violence** – For the purposes of this policy, Interpersonal Violence is:

   • **Domestic or Family Violence** – Abuse or violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Reporting Party, by a person with whom
the Reporting Party shares a child in common, by a person with whom the Reporting Party is cohabiting (or has cohabited) with a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Reporting Party under the domestic or family violence laws of the State of Texas, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the State of Texas.

- **Dating Violence** – Abuse or violence, or a threat of abuse or violence, committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Reporting Party. The existence of such a relationship will be determined based on the type and length of the relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. A casual acquaintanceship or ordinary socializing between two individuals does not constitute a romantic or intimate relationship. This definition does not include acts covered under Domestic or Family Violence.

e. **Public Indecency** – Engaging in private or sexual acts in a publicly viewable location, such that it is offensive to accepted standards of decency including, but not limited to:

- Exposing one’s genitals or private areas;
- Public urination;
- Defecation; and/or
- Public sex acts.

f. **Reporting Party** – A person or entity (in the case of the University) who submits a complaint alleging a violation of this policy.

g. **Responding Party** – Generally, the Responding Party is the person who is alleged to be responsible for the prohibited conduct alleged in a complaint.

h. **Responsible Employee** – A University employee who has the authority to take action to redress an alleged violation of this policy; who has been given the duty of reporting such allegations to the University Title IX Coordinator; or whom an individual could reasonably believe has this authority or duty.

Responsible Employees include, but are not limited to:

- Administrators;
- Academic advisors;
- Coaches, and other athletic staff who interact directly with students;
- Faculty members, including professors, adjuncts, lecturers, instructors, and teaching assistants;
- Student services personnel;
- Graduate research assistants;
- Residence life or community advisors;
- Student organization advisors;
- All supervisory personnel;
- Human Resources personnel; and
- The Angelo State University Police Department.
i. **Sex Discrimination** – An act that deprives a member of the University Community of his or her rights of access to campuses and facilities and of participation in education, services, programs, operations, employment, benefits or opportunities with the University on the basis of the person’s sex.

j. **Sexual Misconduct** – A broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and other misconduct based on sex.

k. **Sexual Assault** – Sexual contact or intercourse with a person without the person's consent, including sexual contact or intercourse against the person’s will or in a circumstance in which the person is incapable of consenting to the contact or intercourse. Sexual Assault includes:

1. **Non-Consensual Sexual Contact** – Intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object or part of one’s body of another’s private areas without consent. Sexual Contact includes:
   - Intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals;
   - Touching another with any of these body parts;
   - Making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; or
   - Any other intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner.

2. **Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse** – Sexual penetration or intercourse, however slight, with a penis, tongue, finger, or any object, and without consent. Penetration can be oral, anal, or vaginal.

The following offenses are examples of sexual assault: rape, incest, fondling, and statutory rape.

- **Rape** – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the Reporting Party.

- **Incest** – Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

- **Fondling** – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the Reporting Party, including instances where the Reporting Party is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity

- **Statutory Rape** – Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

l. **Sexual Exploitation** – Taking nonconsensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for the benefit of oneself or a third party. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

   - Purposeful recording, distribution, or dissemination of sexual or intimate images or recordings of another person without that person’s full knowledge or consent;
• Sexual voyeurism;
• Inducing another to expose one’s genitals or private areas;
• Prostituting another; or
• Knowingly exposing someone to or transmitting a sexually transmitted disease.

m. Sexual Harassment – Unwelcome sex-based verbal, written, or physical conduct when:

(1) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or education;
(2) Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for decisions affecting employment or education; or
(3) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual’s work or educational performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment. To constitute an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment, the complained of conduct must be either severe, persistent, or pervasive.

Examples of inappropriate behavior that may constitute Sexual Harassment or Sexual Misconduct include, but are not limited to:

• Sexual teasing, jokes, remarks, or questions;
• Sexual looks and gestures;
• Sexual innuendoes or stories;
• Communicating in a manner with sexual overtones;
• Inappropriate comments about dress or physical appearance;
• Inappropriate discussion of private sexual behavior;
• Gifts, letters, calls, emails, online posts, or materials of a sexual nature;
• Sexually explicit visual material (calendars, posters, cards, software, internet, or other multimedia materials);
• Sexual favoritism;
• Pressure for dates or sexual favors;
• Unwelcome physical contact (touching, patting, stroking, rubbing);
• Non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity;
• Exposing one’s genitals or inducing another to expose his/her genitals;
• Stalking;
• Domestic or dating violence;
• Non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, or rape; or
• Other gender-based threats, discrimination, intimidation, hazing, bullying, stalking, or violence.

n. Stalking – A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his/her own safety or the safety of others or would cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress. A “course of conduct” means two or more acts in which a person directly, indirectly or through third parties, by any action, method, device or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person or interferes with a person’s property. “Reasonable person” means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and similarly situated to the Reporting Party. “Substantial emotional distress” means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional
treatment or counseling.

o. University Community – All faculty, staff, and students of and visitors to any University premises or University-affiliated activity.

For acts of gender/sex discrimination, such as denial of employment, wages, or benefits based on gender/sex, that are not sexual in nature and do not constitute Sexual Misconduct as defined in this policy, please see OP 16.02, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

2. Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, Angelo State University Office of Human Resources and Texas Tech University System Equal Opportunity Office

The University has a Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator who oversees the University’s compliance with Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex. The University has also designated Title IX Deputy Coordinators that work alongside the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator.

The Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator will conduct the investigations of complaints of Sexual Misconduct by or between students. The Texas Tech University System Office of Equal Opportunity (Office of EO) in conjunction with the Angelo State University Office of Human Resources will investigate complaints of Sexual Misconduct by or between employees.

Any investigations regarding Sexual Misconduct complaints by a student against an employee will be conducted jointly by the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator and the Angelo State Office of Human Resources (Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Employees) in conjunction with the Office of Equal Opportunity.

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3. **Reporting Sexual Misconduct**

   a. All students, employees, and third parties are strongly encouraged to promptly report any incidents of Sexual Misconduct to the University Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, ASU Office of Human Resources, or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity.

   b. Mediation will not be used to resolve complaints of Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence, as defined in this policy.

   c. All students, employees, and third parties may also report incidents of Sexual Misconduct to law enforcement, including on-campus and local police. Reporting Parties may choose to notify law enforcement and will be provided the assistance of the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, one of the Title IX Deputy Coordinators, ASU Office of Human Resources or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity in contacting these authorities if the individual wishes. For a list of Law Enforcement Agencies, please see Section 13 of this policy. Reporting Parties may also decline to notify law enforcement of incidents of Sexual Misconduct.

   d. An individual who experiences any form of sexual, domestic, or dating violence is encouraged to seek immediate medical care. Also, preserving DNA evidence can be key to identifying the perpetrator in a sexual violence case. Victims can undergo a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) performed by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to preserve physical evidence with or without police involvement. If possible, this should be done immediately. If an immediate medical exam is not possible, a SANE may still collect evidence up to 4 days following a sexual assault. With the examinee’s consent, the physical evidence collected during this medical exam can be used in a criminal investigation. To undergo a SAFE, go directly to the nearest emergency department that provides SAFE services. For more information about the SAFE, see [http://hopelaws.org/](http://hopelaws.org/) or [https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/victims/sapes.shtml#survivors](https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/victims/sapes.shtml#survivors).

   e. An individual who experiences any form of Sexual Misconduct should also preserve
other evidence relevant to the complained of activity, such as items of clothing, photographs, phone records, text messages, computer records, and other documents.

f. If an employee is a Responsible Employee and receives information about Sexual Misconduct, reporting is required. Responsible Employees have a duty to promptly report all known details of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, Sexual Misconduct, sexual exploitation, public indecency, interpersonal violence, and stalking to the University Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, ASU Office of Human Resources or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity. Responsible Employees are not confidential reporting resources.

g. Disclosures to licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role in the provision of services are not subject to the foregoing mandatory reporting requirements. These employees include physicians, psychologists, nurses, counselors, clergy, and those performing services under their supervision. These employees are encouraged to provide students or employees with information and guidance regarding University reporting options and available resources but will not report or otherwise refer instances of sexual harassment/misconduct to University administrators without the student or employee’s express permission.

4. Complaints by or against Students

a. If a student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by another student, see Part I, Section C: Conduct Procedures for Students in the ASU Student Handbook. http://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/.

b. If a student has a complaint regarding Sexual Misconduct involving a student organization, see Part I, Section D: Conduct Procedures for Student Organizations in the ASU Student Handbook. http://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/.

c. If a student has a non-employment based complaint of Sexual Misconduct by an employee, see Part II, Section C: Anti-Discrimination Policy in the ASU Student Handbook. www.angelo.edu/student-handbook. Alternatively, the student may contact the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, ASU Office of Human Resources, or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity. Student complaints of Sexual Misconduct by an employee will be investigated jointly by the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator and the ASU Office of Human Resources in conjunction with the Office of Equal Opportunity. If the Office of Equal Opportunity does not conduct the investigation, all reports of the investigation will be submitted to and reviewed by the Office of Equal Opportunity prior to finalization.

d. If a student enrolled at the university reports Sexual Misconduct in good faith, the university may not take disciplinary action against the student for violation(s) of the Code of Student Conduct in accordance with the amnesty provisions set forth in Part I, Section A (12). http://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/code-of-student-conduct/Student-conduct-mission-policies.php.

e. If a student employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct, which occurs during the course and scope of employment with the University, against an employee, the student should follow the procedure set forth for employees in this policy.
f. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct against a student, the employee should contact the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator and/or file an incident report form, found at the Title IX website: www.angelo.edu/titleix.

5. Employee Complaint Procedures, Including Student Employees

a. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct against another employee, the general provisions relating to employees and the employee complaint procedures set forth in OP 16.02 shall apply.

b. In addition, in complaints of Sexual Misconduct the following provisions shall control.

   (1) While there is no deadline to file a complaint, to promote timely and effective review, the University strongly encourages individuals who believe they have experienced Sexual Misconduct to come forward promptly with their complaints and to seek assistance from the University. Delays in reporting can greatly limit the University’s ability to stop the Sexual Misconduct, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating the policy.

   (2) Individuals wishing to remain anonymous can file a complaint in any manner, including by telephone or written communication, with the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, ASU Office of Human Resources, or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity. However, electing to remain anonymous may greatly limit the University’s ability to investigate an alleged incident, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating this policy.

   (3) Both parties have the right to be accompanied by an advisor of the individual’s choosing during all meetings, proceedings, and/or disciplinary hearings at which the individual is present. The role of the advisor will be limited to being present only; advisors are not allowed to actively participate in the process.

   (4) After the investigation is complete, the ASU Office of Human Resources and/or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity will simultaneously provide notice in writing to the Reporting Party, to the Responding Party, and to the appropriate administrators of the following:

   - Determination of the outcome;
   - The finding of the ASU Office of Human Resources and/or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity is final and not appealable by either party;
   - In the event a finding of a violation of this policy is made, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as determined by the appropriate administrator; and
   - If either party disagrees with the imposed disciplinary action or lack thereof because the disciplinary action imposed substantially varies from the range of disciplinary actions normally imposed for similar infractions, he or she may appeal within 5 business days to the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator. However, if the disciplinary action recommended is tenure revocation, proceedings will be pursuant to OP 06.23.
(5) The Reporting Party and Responding Party will be simultaneously notified in writing of any changes to the results that occur prior to the time such results become final, and when such results become final.

6. Complaints Involving Non-University Individuals

a. If a non-University individual has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a student or University employee acting in the scope of his or her employment, the individual involved may file a report with either the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, the ASU Office of Human Resources, or the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity, and the University may investigate and take steps to address the situation.

b. If a University employee or student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a non-University party that affects the employee’s work environment or student’s educational program or activity, the employee or student may make a report to the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, ASU Office of Human Resources, the TTU System Office of Equal Opportunity, or Executive Director of Student Affair’s office. The University may conduct an inquiry and take action, if possible, to prevent further misconduct. However, the University’s response may differ for complaints regarding third parties based on the level of control the University has over the third party. Even though the University’s ability to take direct action against a third party may be limited, the University may take steps to provide appropriate remedies for the employee or student and, where appropriate, the broader University Community.

7. Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who reports a potential violation under this policy, assists someone with a report of a violation, or participates in any manner in an investigation or in the resolution of a complaint made under this policy is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to threats, intimidation, reprisals and/or adverse actions related to an individual’s employment or education. The University will take appropriate steps to assure that a person who in good faith reports, complains about, or participates in an investigation pursuant to this policy will not be subjected to retaliation. Individuals who believe they are experiencing retaliation are strongly encouraged to lodge a complaint with the University using the same procedure outlined in this policy.

Individuals who are found to have retaliated under this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the University, or being barred from University premises and events.

8. Interim Measures

The Reporting Parties may request and the University may implement interim measures, as may be necessary to assure the safety and well-being of the participants in the complaint process, to maintain an environment free from harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, and to protect the safety and well-being of the University Community. Appropriate University officials will decide if and what interim measures are necessary. Such interim measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Separating the Reporting Party’s and Responding Party’s academic or working situations;
• Forbidding contact between parties involved in a complaint;
• Suspending the right of the Responding Party to be present on campus or otherwise altering the University status of the Responding Party.

The Reporting or Responding Party who are the subjects of an alleged sexual assault will be allowed to drop a course in which they are both enrolled without any academic penalty.

Other interim measures may be implemented depending upon the Responding Party’s relationship with the University. These interim measures may be kept in place through the conclusion of any review, investigation, or appeal process. Interim measures can be implemented regardless of whether or not the Reporting Party pursues formal University or criminal action.

9. Confidentiality

The confidentiality of both the Reporting Party and the Responding Party will be honored by the University to the extent possible without compromising the University’s commitment and obligation to investigate allegations of Sexual Misconduct, to protect the University Community, and to the extent allowed by law. However, because the University also has an obligation to maintain an environment free of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct, many University employees have mandatory reporting and response obligations and may not be able to honor a Reporting Party’s request for confidentiality. The Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator will evaluate requests for confidentiality.

The willful and unnecessary disclosure of confidential information by anyone, including the Reporting Party or Responding Party, may affect the integrity of the investigation.

Students may make confidential reports to the University Counseling Center. All Reporting Parties may also make confidential reports to local rape crisis centers, clergy, or to other licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role of providing those services.

10. Interference with an Investigation

Any person who knowingly and intentionally interferes with an investigation conducted under this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or separation from the University. Interference with an investigation may include, but is not limited to:

• Attempting to coerce, compel, influence, or prevent an individual from providing testimony or relevant information;
• Divulging confidential information;
• Removing, destroying, or altering documentation relevant to the investigation; or
• Providing false or misleading information to the investigator, or encouraging others to do so.
11. Training and Education

The University’s commitment to preventing and raising awareness of the harm resulting from the conduct prohibited in this policy includes providing primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees ongoing education to both employees and students, and emailing the information regarding this policy to students at the beginning of each academic semester. This policy is published on the University’s website and information regarding this policy and related policies is included in orientation materials for new students, faculty, and staff. All employees must attend Equal Opportunity non-discrimination and sex/gender discrimination training including sexual assault, sexual harassment, and campus crime mandated reporter training within the first 30 days of employment and receive supplemental training every two years. Other appropriate compliance training sessions will also be conducted on an ongoing basis. Training sessions will include information on how and where to report incidents of prohibited conduct, resources available, as well as, risk reduction and safe and positive options for bystander intervention. In addition, University employees and administrators responsible for implementing this policy, including the Director of Title IX/Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, investigators, and hearing officers, receive annual training about offenses, investigatory procedures, due process requirements, and University policies related to or described in this policy.

12. Websites and Other Resources

The University maintains websites which provide comprehensive information about this policy, its procedures, Title IX, available resources, remedial support options, local support services, and illustrative examples of definitions contained herein.

- Title IX compliance - www.angelo.edu/titleix
- Title IX complaint form - http://www.angelo.edu/services/title-ix/file-a-complaint.php
- Title IX directory - http://www.angelo.edu/services/title-ix/contacts.php
- Student Affairs and Enrollment Management - http://www.angelo.edu/services/saem/
- University Counseling Center - http://www.angelo.edu/services/health_clinic_counseling/
- ASU Operating Policies & Procedures - http://www.angelo.edu/opmanual/
- ASU Employee Assistance Program - http://www.angelo.edu/dept/human_resources/benefits/
The following additional resources are available:

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ASU Station #11007  
San Angelo, Texas 76909 |
| Executive Director of Student Affairs        | 325-942-2047 | 112D Houston Harte University Center  
ASU Station #11047  
San Angelo, Texas 76909 |
| Office of Equal Opportunity                  | 806-742-3627 | 1508 Knoxville Ave.  
TTU System Administration Building  
Suite 208  
Box 41073  
Lubbock, Texas 79409 |
| Human Resources                              | 325-942-2168 | East Office Annex  
ASU Station #11009  
San Angelo, Texas 76909 |
| University Counseling Center                 | 325-942-2171 | ASU Station #11019  
San Angelo, Texas 76909 |
| Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center             | 325-655-2000 | 36 W. Beauregard, Ste. B-100  
San Angelo, Texas 76903 |
| Legal Aid of Northwest Texas                 | 325-653-6982 | 17 S. Chadbourne St. #403  
San Angelo, Texas 76903 |
| Shannon Medical Center                       | 325-653-6741 | 120 E. Harris Ave  
San Angelo, Texas 76903 |
| San Angelo Community Medical Center          | 325-949-9511 | 3501 Knickerbocker Road  
San Angelo, Texas 76904 |

13. Outside Agencies

Nothing in this policy shall limit a person from seeking assistance or filing a complaint with an outside agency.

Administrative Agencies:

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| U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission | 1-800-669-4000 | 300 E. Main Dr.  
Suite 500  
El Paso, Texas 79901 |
| Texas Workforce Commission                   | 512-463-2222 | 101 E. 15th Street  
Austin, Texas 78778 |
U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights  214-611-9600  1999 Bryan Street, Suite 1620 Dallas, Texas 75201

Law Enforcement Agencies:

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<td>Tom Green County Sheriff’s Department</td>
<td>325-655-8111</td>
<td>222 W. Harris Ave. San Angelo, Texas 76903</td>
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<td>Texas Department of Public Safety</td>
<td>512-424-2000</td>
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14. Authoritative References

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
- Texas Labor Code Chapter 21
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act of 2013 (Campus SaVE)
- Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
- Texas Education Code, Section 51.9363
- Texas Family Code Sections 71.004 and 71.0021
- Texas Penal Code Section 42.072

15. Right to Change Policy

The University reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend, or rescind this policy, in whole or in part, at any time without notice to or consent of its employees.
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 40.03: Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Misconduct, and Title IX Policy and Complaint Procedure

DATE: May 26, 2016

PURPOSE: This policy provides information regarding the university’s prevention and education efforts related to sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, public indecency, Sexual Misconduct, interpersonal violence, and stalking. The policy provides students and employees with their rights and options and also explains how the university will proceed once it is made aware of allegations of prohibited conduct in keeping with the university’s values and in order to meet the legal obligations of Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), Texas Education Code, Section 51.9363, and other applicable law.

REVIEW: This Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) will be reviewed in August of odd-numbered years by the TTUS Office of Equal Opportunity (EO), the Title IX administrator, the Dean of Students, and the Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, with substantive revisions forwarded to the Associate Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff to the President. Any substantive changes to this policy must be approved by the Board of Regents.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

The university is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state law, the university prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex. Any acts that fall within the scope of this policy hereinafter are referred to as Sexual Misconduct.

While sexual orientation and gender identity are not explicitly protected categories under state or federal law, it is the university’s policy not to discriminate in employment, admission, or use of programs, activities, facilities, or services on this basis. Discriminatory behavior is prohibited regardless of the manner in which it is exhibited, whether verbally, in writing, by actions, or electronically displayed or conveyed.
This policy applies to all university students and employees, visitors, applicants for admission to or employment with the university, as well as university affiliates and others conducting business on campus. This policy will apply to on-campus and off-campus conduct of which the university is made aware and which adversely impacts the educational and employment environments of the university. The university will take all reasonable steps to prevent recurrence of any Sexual Misconduct and remedy discriminatory effects on the Reporting Party and others, if appropriate.

All complaint investigations and procedures will be non-adversarial in nature and will be conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner. Investigations conducted under this policy are not criminal investigations. For all complaints under this policy, the burden of proof shall be a preponderance of the evidence, which means more likely than not.

The university expects all members of the University Community to comply with the law. Members of the University Community who violate these policies and laws may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the university, or being barred from university premises and events.

For complaints relating to any form of discrimination not covered by this policy, see OP 40.02, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

1. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the definitions below apply. However, some of these terms are also defined under state law. If a person would like to file criminal charges for any alleged violations of criminal law, the definitions as set forth in state law may apply.

a. Consent – Mutually understandable words or actions, actively communicated both knowingly and voluntarily, that clearly conveys permission for a specific activity.

Consent is not effective if it results from: (a) the use of physical force, (b) a threat of physical force, (c) intimidation, (d) coercion, (e) incapacitation, or (f) any other factor that would eliminate an individual’s ability to exercise his or her own free will to choose whether or not to engage in sexual activity.

b. Employee – Any person who receives a W-2 or 1042-S from the university, including full- and part-time faculty, staff, and students.

c. Incapacitation – A state of being that prevents an individual from having capacity to give consent. For example, incapacitation could result from the use of drugs or alcohol, a person being asleep or unconscious, or because of an intellectual or other disability.

d. Interpersonal Violence – For purposes of this policy, Interpersonal Violence is:

* Domestic or Family Violence – Abuse or violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Reporting Party, by a person with whom the Reporting Party shares a child in common, by a person with whom the Reporting Party is cohabiting (or has cohabited) with a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Reporting Party under the domestic or family violence laws of the state of Texas, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence
laws of the state of Texas.

- **Dating Violence – Abuse or violence, or a threat of abuse or violence, committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Reporting Party. The existence of such a relationship will be determined based on the type and length of the relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary socializing between two individuals does not constitute a romantic or intimate relationship. This definition does not include acts covered under Domestic or Family Violence.**

e. **Public Indecency – Engaging in private or sexual acts in a publicly viewable location, such that it is offensive to accepted standards of decency including, but not limited to:**

   - Exposing one’s genitals or private areas;
   - Public urination;
   - Defecation; and/or
   - Public sex acts.

f. **Reporting Party – A person or entity (in the case of the university) who submits a complaint alleging a violation of this policy.**

g. **Responding Party – Generally, the Responding Party is the person who is alleged to be responsible for the prohibited conduct alleged in a complaint.**

h. **Responsible Employee – A university employee who has the authority to take action to redress an alleged violation of this policy; who has been given the duty of reporting such allegations to the university Title IX administrator or Title IX deputy administrators; or whom an individual could reasonably believe has this authority or duty.**

   Responsible Employees include, but are not limited to:

   - Administrators;
   - Academic advisors;
   - Coaches and other athletic staff who interact directly with students;
   - Faculty members, including professors, adjuncts, lecturers, instructors, and teaching assistants;
   - Student services personnel;
   - Graduate research assistants;
   - Residence life or community advisors;
   - Student organization advisors;
   - All supervisory personnel;
   - Human Resources personnel; and
   - The Texas Tech Police Department.

i. **Sex Discrimination – An act that deprives a member of the university community of his or her rights of access to campuses and facilities and of participation in education, services, programs, operations, employment, benefits, or opportunities with the university on the basis of the person’s sex.**

j. **Sexual Misconduct – A broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or**
discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and other misconduct based on sex.

k. Sexual Assault – Sexual contact or intercourse with a person without the person’s consent, including sexual contact or intercourse against the person’s will or in a circumstance in which the person is incapable of consenting to the contact or intercourse. Sexual Assault includes:

(1) Nonconsensual Sexual Contact – Intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object or part of one’s body of another’s private areas without consent. Sexual Contact includes:

- Intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals;
- Touching another with any of these body parts;
- Making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; or
- Any other intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner.

(2) Nonconsensual Sexual Intercourse – Sexual penetration or intercourse, however slight, with a penis, tongue, finger, or any object, and without consent. Penetration can be oral, anal, or vaginal.

The following offenses are examples of sexual assault: rape, incest, fondling, and statutory rape.

- Rape – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the Reporting Party.
- Incest – Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- Fondling – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the Reporting Party, including instances where the Reporting Party is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- Statutory Rape – Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

l. Sexual Exploitation – Taking nonconsensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for the benefit of oneself or a third party. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Purposeful recording, distribution, or dissemination of sexual or intimate images or recordings of another person without that person’s full knowledge or consent;
- Sexual voyeurism;
- Inducing another to expose one’s genitals or private areas;
- Prostituting another; or
- Knowingly exposing someone to or transmitting a sexually transmitted disease.

m. Sexual Harassment – Unwelcome sex-based verbal, written, or physical conduct when:
(1) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or education;
(2) Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for decisions affecting employment or education; or
(3) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual’s work or educational performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment. To constitute an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment, the complained of conduct must be either severe, persistent, or pervasive.

Examples of inappropriate behavior that may constitute Sexual Harassment or Sexual Misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual teasing, jokes, remarks, or questions;
- Sexual looks and gestures;
- Sexual innuendoes or stories;
- Communicating in a manner with sexual overtones;
- Inappropriate comments about dress or physical appearance;
- Inappropriate discussion of private sexual behavior;
- Gifts, letters, calls, emails, online posts, or materials of a sexual nature;
- Sexually explicit visual material (calendars, posters, cards, software, internet, or other multimedia materials);
- Sexual favoritism;
- Pressure for dates or sexual favors;
- Unwelcome physical contact (touching, patting, stroking, rubbing);
- Nonconsensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity;
- Exposing one’s genitals or inducing another to expose his/her genitals;
- Stalking;
- Domestic or dating violence;
- Nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, or rape; or
- Other gender-based threats, discrimination, intimidation, hazing, bullying, stalking, or violence.

n. Stalking – A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his/her own safety or the safety of others or would cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress. A “course of conduct” means two or more acts in which a person directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person or interferes with a person’s property. “Reasonable person” means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and similarly situated to the Reporting Party. “Substantial emotional distress” means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

o. University Community – All faculty, staff, and students of and visitors to any university premises or university-affiliated activity.

For acts of gender/sex discrimination, such as denial of employment, wages, or benefits based on gender/sex, that are not sexual in nature and do not constitute Sexual Misconduct as defined in this policy, please see OP 40.02, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and
Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

2. **Title IX Administrator and Equal Opportunity Office**

The university has a Title IX administrator who oversees the university's compliance with Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex. The university has also designated Title IX deputy administrators for students and employees.

The Office for Student Rights & Resolution will investigate complaints of Sexual Misconduct by or between students. The Texas Tech University System Office of Equal Opportunity (Office of EO) will investigate complaints of sexual misconduct by or between employees.

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3. **Reporting Sexual Misconduct**

   a. All students, employees, and third parties are strongly encouraged to promptly report any incidents of Sexual Misconduct to the university Title IX administrator, Title IX deputy administrators, or Office of Equal Opportunity.

   b. Mediation will not be used to resolve complaints of Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence, as defined in this policy.

   c. All students, employees, and third parties may also report incidents of Sexual Misconduct to law enforcement, including on-campus and local police. Reporting parties may choose to notify law enforcement and will be provided the assistance of a Title IX administrator, Title IX deputy administrator, or Office of Equal Opportunity in contacting these authorities if the individual wishes. For a list of law enforcement agencies, please see section 13 of this policy. Reporting Parties may also decline to notify law enforcement of incidents of Sexual Misconduct.

   d. An individual who experiences any form of sexual, domestic, or dating violence is encouraged to seek immediate medical care. Also, preserving DNA evidence can be key to identifying the perpetrator in a sexual violence case. Victims can undergo a sexual assault forensic exam (SAFE) performed by a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) to preserve physical evidence with or without police involvement. If possible, this should be done immediately. If an immediate medical exam is not possible, a SANE may still collect evidence up to 4 days following a sexual assault. With the examinee’s consent, the physical evidence collected during this medical exam can be used in a criminal investigation. To undergo a SAFE, go directly to the nearest emergency department that provides SAFE services. For more information about the SAFE, see [http://hopelaws.org/](http://hopelaws.org/) or [https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/victims/sapcs.shtml#survivors](https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/victims/sapcs.shtml#survivors).
e. An individual who experiences any form of Sexual Misconduct should also preserve other evidence relevant to the complained of activity, such as items of clothing, photographs, phone records, text messages, computer records, and other documents.

f. If an employee is a Responsible Employee and receives information about Sexual Misconduct, reporting is required. Responsible Employees have a duty to promptly report all known details of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, Sexual Misconduct, sexual exploitation, public indecency, interpersonal violence, and stalking to the university Title IX administrator, Title IX deputy administrators, or Office of Equal Opportunity. Responsible Employees are not confidential reporting resources.

g. Disclosures to licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role in the provision of services are not subject to the foregoing mandatory reporting requirements. These employees include physicians, psychologists, nurses, counselors, and those performing services under their supervision. These employees are encouraged to provide students or employees with information and guidance regarding university reporting options and available resources but will not report or otherwise refer instances of sexual harassment/misconduct to university administrators without the student or employee’s express permission.

4. Complaints by or against Students

a. If a student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by another student, see Part I, Section C: Conduct Procedures for Students in the TTU Student Handbook. www.ttu.edu/studenthandbook.

b. If a student has a complaint regarding Sexual Misconduct involving a student organization, see Part I, Section D: Conduct Procedures for Student Organizations in the TTU Student Handbook. www.ttu.edu/studenthandbook.

c. If a student has a non-employment based complaint of Sexual Misconduct by an employee, see Part II, Section C: Anti-Discrimination Policy in the TTU Student Handbook. www.ttu.edu/studenthandbook. Alternatively, the student may contact the Office for Student Rights & Resolution or the Office of Equal Opportunity. Student complaints of Sexual Misconduct by an employee will be investigated jointly by the Office for Student Rights & Resolution and the Office of Equal Opportunity.

d. If a student enrolled at the university reports Sexual Misconduct in good faith, the university may not take disciplinary action against the student for violation(s) of the Code of Student Conduct in accordance with the amnesty provisions set forth in Part I, Section A (12) in the Code of Student Conduct. http://www.depts.ttu.edu/dos/docs/StudentHandbook_2017-2018.pdf

e. If a student employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct, which occurs during the course and scope of employment with the university, against an employee, the student should follow the procedure set forth for employees in this policy.

f. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct against a student, the employee should contact the Office for Student Rights & Resolution or Title IX administrator and/or
file an incident report form, found at the Title IX website: http://titleix.ttu.edu.

5. Employee Complaint Procedures, Including Student Employees

a. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct against another employee, the general provisions relating to employees and the employee complaint procedures set forth in OP 40.02 shall apply. An employee having a complaint under this policy (OP 40.03) should submit a completed Complaint of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, or Sexual Misconduct form, which is available on the university’s Human Resources website at the following link: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hr/formsPolProc/forms.php.

b. In addition, in complaints of Sexual Misconduct, the following provisions shall control.

(1) While there is no deadline to file a complaint, to promote timely and effective review, the university strongly encourages individuals who believe they have experienced Sexual Misconduct to come forward promptly with their complaints and to seek assistance from the university. Delays in reporting can greatly limit the university’s ability to stop the Sexual Misconduct, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating the policy.

(2) Individuals wishing to remain anonymous can file a complaint in any manner, including by telephone or written communication, with the university Title IX administrator, a Title IX deputy administrator or the Office of Equal Opportunity. However, electing to remain anonymous may greatly limit the university’s ability to investigate an alleged incident, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating this policy.

(3) Both parties have the right to be accompanied by an advisor of the individual’s choosing during all meetings, proceedings, and/or disciplinary hearings at which the individual is present. The role of the advisor will be limited to being present only; advisors are not allowed to actively participate in the process.

(4) After the investigation is complete, the Office of Equal Opportunity will simultaneously provide notice in writing to the Reporting Party, to the Responding Party, and to the appropriate administrators of the following:

- Determination of the outcome;
- The finding of the Office of Equal Opportunity is final and not appealable by either party;
- In the event a finding of a violation of this policy is made, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as determined by the appropriate administrator; and
- If either party disagrees with the imposed disciplinary action or lack thereof because the disciplinary action imposed substantially varies from the range of disciplinary actions normally imposed for similar infractions, he or she may appeal within five business days to the Title IX administrator. However, if the disciplinary action recommended is tenure revocation, proceedings will be pursuant to OP 32.02.

(5) The Reporting Party and Responding Party will be simultaneously notified in writing of any changes to the results that occur prior to the time such results become final.
and when such results become final.

6. Complaints Involving Non-University Individuals

a. If a non-university individual has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a student or university employee acting in the scope of his or her employment, the individual involved may file a report with either the Office for Student Rights & Resolution or the Office of Equal Opportunity, and the university may investigate and take steps to address the situation.

b. If a university employee or student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a non-university party that affects the employee’s work environment or student’s educational program or activity, the employee or student may make a report to the Title IX administrator, Title IX deputy administrators, Office of Equal Opportunity, or Office for Student Rights & Resolution. The university may conduct an inquiry and take action, if possible, to prevent further misconduct. However, the university’s response may differ for complaints regarding third parties based on the level of control the university has over the third party. Even though the university’s ability to take direct action against a third party may be limited, the university may take steps to provide appropriate remedies for the employee or student and, where appropriate, the broader University Community.

7. Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who reports a potential violation under this policy, assists someone with a report of a violation, or participates in any manner in an investigation or in the resolution of a complaint made under this policy is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to threats, intimidation, reprisals, and/or adverse actions related to an individual’s employment or education. The university will take appropriate steps to assure that a person who, in good faith, reports, complains about, or participates in an investigation pursuant to this policy will not be subjected to retaliation. Individuals who believe they are experiencing retaliation are strongly encouraged to lodge a complaint with the university using the same procedure outlined in this policy.

Individuals who are found to have retaliated under this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the university, or being barred from university premises and events.

8. Interim Measures

The Reporting Parties may request and the university may implement interim measures, as may be necessary to assure the safety and well-being of the participants in the complaint process, to maintain an environment free from harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, and to protect the safety and well-being of the University Community. Appropriate university officials will decide if and what interim measures are necessary. Such interim measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Separating the Reporting Party’s and Responding Party’s academic or working situations;
- Forbidding contact between parties involved in a complaint;
- Suspending the right of the Responding Party to be present on campus or otherwise altering the university status of the Responding Party.
The Reporting or Responding Party who are the subjects of an alleged sexual assault will be allowed to drop a course in which they are both enrolled without any academic penalty.

Other interim measures may be implemented depending upon the Responding Party’s relationship with the university. These interim measures may be kept in place through the conclusion of any review, investigation, or appeal process. Interim measures can be implemented regardless of whether or not the Reporting Party pursues formal university or criminal action.

9. Confidentiality

The confidentiality of both the Reporting Party and the Responding Party will be honored by the university to the extent possible without compromising the university’s commitment and obligation to investigate allegations of Sexual Misconduct, to protect the University Community, and to the extent allowed by law. However, because the university also has an obligation to maintain an environment free of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct, many university employees have mandatory reporting and response obligations and may not be able to honor a Reporting Party’s request for confidentiality. The Title IX administrator will evaluate requests for confidentiality.

The willful and unnecessary disclosure of confidential information by anyone, including the Reporting Party or Responding Party, may affect the integrity of the investigation.

Students may make confidential reports to the university Student Counseling Center. Likewise, employees may make confidential reports through the Employee Assistance Program. All Reporting Parties may also make confidential reports to local rape crisis centers or to other licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role of providing those services.

10. Interference with an Investigation

Any person who knowingly and intentionally interferes with an investigation conducted under this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or separation from the university. Interference with an investigation may include, but is not limited to:

- Attempting to coerce, compel, influence, or prevent an individual from providing testimony or relevant information;
- Divulging confidential information;
- Removing, destroying, or altering documentation relevant to the investigation; or
- Providing false or misleading information to the investigator, or encouraging others to do so.

11. Training and Education

The university’s commitment to preventing and raising awareness of the harm resulting from the conduct prohibited in this policy includes providing primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees, ongoing education to both employees and students, and emailing information regarding this policy to students at the beginning of each academic semester. This policy is published on the university’s website and information regarding this policy and related policies is included in orientation materials for new students, faculty, and staff. All employees must attend Equal Opportunity non-discrimination and sex/gender discrimination training including sexual assault, sexual harassment, and campus crime mandated reporter training within the first 30 days of employment and receive
supplemental training every two years. Other appropriate compliance training sessions will also be conducted on an ongoing basis. Training sessions will include information on how and where to report incidents of prohibited conduct, resources available, as well as risk reduction and safe and positive options for bystander intervention. In addition, university employees and administrators responsible for implementing this policy, including the Title IX administrator, Title IX deputy administrator, investigators, and hearing officers, receive annual training about offenses, investigatory procedures, due process requirements, and university policies related to or described in this policy.

12. Websites and Other Resources

The university maintains websites that provide comprehensive information about this policy, its procedures, Title IX, available resources, remedial support options, local support services, and illustrative examples of definitions contained herein.

- Title IX compliance and directory – titleix.ttu.edu
- Title IX for students – titleix.ttu.edu/students
- Title IX for faculty/staff – http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hr/TitleIX
- Office of the Dean of Students - http://www.depts.ttu.edu/dos/
- Office of Equal Opportunity - http://www.texasTech.edu/offices/equal-employment/
- Risk Intervention & Safety Education (RISE) - http://www.depts.ttu.edu/RISE/
- TTU Student Counseling Center – http://www.depts.ttu.edu/scc/
- TTU Operating Policies & Procedures - http://www.depts.ttu.edu/opmanual/
- TTU Employee Assistance Program - http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hr/benefits/health.php

The following additional resources are available:

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Student Union Building  
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| Equal Opportunity Office | 806.742.3627 | TTU System Administration Building  
1508 Knoxville Ave.  
Suite 208  
Box 41073  
Lubbock, TX 79409 |
| Human Resources | 806.742.3851 | 160 Doak Conference Center  
2518 15th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79409 |
| Student Counseling Center | 806.742.3674 | Room 201 Student Wellness Center  
Lubbock, Texas 79409 |
| Employee Assistance Program | 806.743.1327 | 3601 4th Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79430 |
| TTU RISE Office | 806.742.2110 | Drane Hall, Rom 247  
Lubbock, Texas 79409 |
| Psychology Clinic | 806.742.3799 | TTU Psychology Building, Room 111A  
Lubbock, Texas 79409 |
| Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic | 806.742.3060 | TTU Human Sciences Building, Room 165  
Lubbock, Texas 79409 |
| Lubbock Voice of Hope | 806.763.7273 | P.O. Box 2000  
Lubbock, Texas 79457 |
| Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas | 800.733.4557 | 1711 Avenue J  
Lubbock, Texas 79401 |
| Legal Aid Society of Lubbock | 806.762.2325 | 906 Main St. # 103  
Lubbock, Texas 79401 |
| University Medical Center | 806.775.8200 | 602 Indiana Ave  
Lubbock, Texas 79415 |
| Covenant Medical Center | 806.725.0000 | 3615 19th Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79410 |

13. **Outside Agencies**

Nothing in this policy shall limit a person from seeking assistance or filing a complaint with an outside agency.
Administrative Agencies

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| U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission | 1.800.669.4000 | 300 E. Main Dr.  
                |               | Suite 500  
                |               | El Paso, Texas 79901 |
| Texas Workforce Commission             | 512.463.2222  | 101 E. 15th Street  
                |               | Austin, Texas 78778 |
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Law Enforcement Agencies

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| TTU Police Department                  | 806.742.3931  | 413 Flint Avenue  
                |               | Lubbock, Texas 79409 |
| Lubbock Police Department              | 806.775.2865  | 916 Texas Avenue  
                |               | Lubbock, Texas 79401 |
| Lubbock County Sheriff's Department    | 806.775.1400  | 811 Main Street  
                |               | Lubbock, Texas 79407 |
| Texas Department of Public Safety      | 512.424.2000  | 5805 North Lamar Blvd.  
                |               | Austin, Texas 78752 |

14. Authoritative References

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
- Texas Labor Code Chapter 21
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act of 2013 (Campus SaVE)
- Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
- Texas Education Code Section 51.9363
- Texas Family Code Sections 71.004 and 71.0021
- Texas Penal Code Section 42.072

15. Right to Change Policy

The university reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend, or rescind this policy, in whole or in part, at any time without notice to or consent of its employees.
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSC OP: 51.03, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Misconduct, and Title IX Policy and Complaint Procedure

PURPOSE: This policy provides information regarding the University's prevention and education efforts related to sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, public indecency, Sexual Misconduct, interpersonal violence, and stalking. The policy provides students and employees with their rights and options and also explains how the University will proceed once it is made aware of allegations of prohibited conduct in keeping with the University's values and in order to meet the legal obligations of Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), Texas Education Code, Section 51.9363, and other applicable law.

REVIEW: This HSC OP will be reviewed in October of odd-numbered years (ONY) by the TTUS Office of Equal Opportunity (EO), the Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Vice President of Student Services, and the Vice President of Human Resources, with substantive revisions forwarded to the Chief of Staff to the President. Any substantive changes to this policy must be approved by the Board of Regents.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

The University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state law, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex. Any acts that fall within the scope of this policy hereinafter are referred to as Sexual Misconduct.

While sexual orientation and gender identity are not explicitly protected categories under state or federal law, it is the University's policy not to discriminate in employment, admission, or use of programs, activities, facilities, or services on this basis. Discriminatory behavior is prohibited regardless of the manner in which it is exhibited, whether verbally, in writing, by actions, or electronically displayed or conveyed.

This policy applies to all University students and employees, visitors, applicants for admission to or employment with the University, as well as University affiliates and others conducting business on campus. This policy will apply to on-campus and off-campus conduct of which the University is made aware and which adversely impacts the educational and employment environments of the University. The University will take all reasonable steps to prevent recurrence of any Sexual Misconduct and remedy discriminatory effects on the Reporting Party and others, if appropriate.

All complaint investigations and procedures will be non-adversarial in nature and will be conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner. Investigations conducted under this policy are not criminal investigations. For all complaints under this policy, the burden of proof shall be a preponderance of the evidence, which means more likely than not.
The University expects all members of the University Community to comply with the law. Members of the University Community who violate these policies and laws may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the University, or being barred from University premises and events.

For complaints relating to any form of discrimination not covered by this policy, see HSC OP 51.02 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

1. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the definitions below apply. However, some of these terms are also defined under state law. If a person would like to file criminal charges for any alleged violations of criminal law, the definitions as set forth in state law may apply.

a. Consent – Mutually understandable words or actions, actively communicated both knowingly and voluntarily, that clearly conveys permission for a specific activity.

Consent is not effective if it results from: (a) the use of physical force, (b) a threat of physical force, (c) intimidation, (d) coercion, (e) incapacitation, or (f) any other factor that would eliminate an individual’s ability to exercise his or her own free will to choose whether or not to engage in sexual activity.

b. Employee – Any person who receives a W-2 or 1042-S from the University, including full and part-time faculty, staff, and students.

c. Incapacitation – A state of being that prevents an individual from having capacity to give consent. For example, incapacitation could result from the use of drugs or alcohol, a person being asleep or unconscious, or because of an intellectual or other disability.

d. Interpersonal Violence – For purposes of this policy, Interpersonal Violence is:

- Domestic or Family Violence – Abuse or violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Reporting Party, by a person with whom the Reporting Party shares a child in common, by a person with whom the Reporting Party is cohabiting (or has cohabited) with a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Reporting Party under the domestic or family violence laws of the State of Texas, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the State of Texas.

- Dating Violence – Abuse or violence, or a threat of abuse or violence, committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Reporting Party. The existence of such a relationship will be determined based on the type and length of the relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. A casual acquaintanceship or ordinary socializing between two individuals does not constitute a romantic or intimate relationship. This definition does not include acts covered under Domestic or Family Violence.

e. Public Indecency – Engaging in private or sexual acts in a publicly viewable location, such that it is offensive to accepted standards of decency including, but not limited to:

- Exposing one’s genitals or private areas;
- Public urination;
- Defecation; and/or
- Public sex acts.

f. Reporting Party – A person or entity (in the case of the University) who submits a complaint
alleging a violation of this policy.

g. **Responding Party** – Generally, the Responding Party is the person who is alleged to be responsible for the prohibited conduct alleged in a complaint.

h. **Responsible Employee** – A University employee who has the authority to take action to redress an alleged violation of this policy; who has been given the duty of reporting such allegations to the University Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity; or whom an individual could reasonably believe has this authority or duty.

Responsible Employees include, but are not limited to:

- Administrators;
- Academic advisors;
- Coaches, and other athletic staff who interact directly with students;
- Faculty members, including professors, adjuncts, lecturers, instructors, and teaching assistants;
- Student services personnel;
- Graduate research assistants;
- Residence life or community advisors;
- Student organization advisors;
- All supervisory personnel;
- Human Resources personnel; and
- The Texas Tech Police Department.

i. **Sex Discrimination** – An act that deprives a member of the University Community of his or her rights of access to campuses and facilities and of participation in education, services, programs, operations, employment, benefits or opportunities with the University on the basis of the person’s sex.

j. **Sexual Misconduct** – A broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and other misconduct based on sex.

k. **Sexual Assault** – Sexual contact or intercourse with a person without the person’s consent, including sexual contact or intercourse against the person’s will or in a circumstance in which the person is incapable of consenting to the contact or intercourse. Sexual Assault includes:

1. **Non-Consensual Sexual Contact** – Intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object or part of one’s body of another’s private areas without consent. Sexual Contact includes:
   - Intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals;
   - Touching another with any of these body parts;
   - Making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; or
   - Any other intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner.

2. **Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse** – Sexual penetration or intercourse, however slight, with a penis, tongue, finger, or any object, and without consent. Penetration can be oral, anal, or vaginal.

The following offenses are examples of sexual assault: rape, incest, fondling, and statutory rape.

- **Rape** – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the
Reporting Party.

- **Incest** – Non-consensual sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- **Fondling** – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the Reporting Party, including instances where the Reporting Party is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- **Statutory Rape** – Non-consensual sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

l. **Sexual Exploitation** – Taking nonconsensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for the benefit of oneself or a third party. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Purposeful recording, distribution, or dissemination of sexual or intimate images or recordings of another person without that person’s full knowledge or consent;
- Sexual voyeurism;
- Inducing another to expose one’s genitals or private areas;
-Prostituting another; or
- Knowingly exposing someone to or transmitting a sexually transmitted disease.

m. **Sexual Harassment** – Unwelcome sex-based verbal, written, or physical conduct when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or education;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for decisions affecting employment or education; or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual’s work or educational performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment. To constitute an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment, the complained of conduct must be either severe, persistent, or pervasive.

Examples of inappropriate behavior that may constitute Sexual Harassment or Sexual Misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual teasing, jokes, remarks, or questions;
- Sexual looks and gestures;
- Sexual innuendoes or stories;
- Communicating in a manner with sexual overtones;
- Inappropriate comments about dress or physical appearance;
- Inappropriate discussion of private sexual behavior;
- Gifts, letters, calls, emails, online posts, or materials of a sexual nature;
- Sexually explicit visual material (calendars, posters, cards, software, internet, or other multimedia materials);
- Sexual favoritism;
- Pressure for dates or sexual favors;
- Unwelcome physical contact (touching, petting, stroking, rubbing);
- Non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity;
- Exposing one’s genitals or inducing another to expose his/her genitals;
- Stalking;
- Domestic or dating violence;
- Non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, or rape; or
- Other gender-based threats, discrimination, intimidation, hazing, bullying, stalking, or violence.
n. **Stalking** – A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his/her own safety or the safety of others or would cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress. A “course of conduct” means two or more acts in which a person directly, indirectly or through third parties, by any action, method, device or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person or interferes with a person’s property. “Reasonable person” means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and similarly situated to the Reporting Party. “Substantial emotional distress” means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

o. **University Community** – All faculty, staff, and students of and visitors to any University premises or University-affiliated activity.

For acts of gender/sex discrimination, such as denial of employment, wages, or benefits based on gender/sex, that are not sexual in nature and do not constitute Sexual Misconduct as defined in this policy, please see HSC OP 51.02, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

2. **Title IX Coordinator and Equal Opportunity Office**

   The University has a Title IX Coordinator who oversees the University’s compliance with Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex. The University has also designated a Title IX Deputy Coordinator for employees.

   The Title IX Coordinator will investigate complaints of Sexual Misconduct by or between students. The Texas Tech University System Office of Equal Opportunity (Office of EO) will investigate complaints of Sexual Misconduct by or between employees. Student complaints of Sexual Misconduct by an employee will be investigated jointly by the Title IX Coordinator and the Office of Equal Opportunity.

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3. **Reporting Sexual Misconduct**

   a. All students, employees, and third parties are strongly encouraged to promptly report any incidents of Sexual Misconduct to the University Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity.

   b. Mediation will not be used to resolve complaints of Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence, as defined in this policy.
c. All students, employees, and third parties may also report incidents of Sexual Misconduct to law enforcement, including on-campus and local police. Reporting Parties may choose to notify law enforcement and will be provided the assistance of the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity in contacting these authorities if the individual wishes. For a list of Law Enforcement Agencies, please see Section 13 of this policy. Reporting Parties may also decline to notify law enforcement of incidents of Sexual Misconduct.

d. An individual who experiences any form of sexual, domestic, or dating violence is encouraged to seek immediate medical care. Also, preserving DNA evidence can be key to identifying the perpetrator in a sexual violence case. Victims can undergo a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) performed by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to preserve physical evidence with or without police involvement. If possible, this should be done immediately. If an immediate medical exam is not possible, a SANE may still collect evidence up to 4 days following a sexual assault. With the examinee’s consent, the physical evidence collected during this medical exam can be used in a criminal investigation. To undergo a SAFE, go directly to the nearest emergency department that provides SAFE services. For more information about the SAFE, see http://hopelaws.org/... https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/files/cvs-sexual_assault_examination_pdf or https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cvs/sexual-assault-prevention-and-crisis-services.

e. An individual who experiences any form of Sexual Misconduct should also preserve other evidence relevant to the complained of activity, such as items of clothing, photographs, phone records, text messages, computer records, and other documents.

f. If an employee is a Responsible Employee and receives information about Sexual Misconduct, reporting is required. Responsible Employees have a duty to promptly report all known details of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, Sexual Misconduct, sexual exploitation, public indecency, interpersonal violence, and stalking to the University Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity. Responsible Employees are not confidential reporting resources.

g. Disclosures to licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role in the provision of services are not subject to the foregoing mandatory reporting requirements. These employees include physicians, psychologists, nurses, counselors, and those performing services under their supervision. These employees are encouraged to provide students or employees with information and guidance regarding University reporting options and available resources but will not report or otherwise refer instances of sexual harassment/misconduct to University administrators without the student or employee’s express permission.

4. Complaints by or against Students

a. If a student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by an employee, whether faculty, staff, or student employee, the provisions relating to the complaint process set forth in this policy and HSC OP 51.02 shall apply. Students with complaints of Sexual Misconduct by an employee should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity and/or utilize the online reporting tool available on the University's Title IX website at www.ttuhsed.edu/title-ix/.

b. If a student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a student or student organization, the provisions relating to the complaint process involving students and student organizations set forth in Part IV, Section E of the TTUHSC Student Handbook shall apply. Students with complaints of Sexual Misconduct by a student or student organization should contact the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator, and/or utilize the online reporting tool available on the University’s Title IX website at www.ttuhsed.edu/title-ix/.
c. If a student enrolled at the University reports Sexual Misconduct in good faith, the University may not take disciplinary action against the student for violation(s) of the TTUHSC Student Handbook, Code of Professional Conduct, in accordance with the amnesty provisions set forth in Part IV, Section C(9), of the TTUHSC Student Handbook.

d. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a student, the employee should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity and/or utilize the online reporting tool available on the University’s Title IX website at www.ttuhscl.edu/title-ix/. The provisions set forth in Part IV, Section E of the TTUHSC Student Handbook shall apply to the student.

5. Employee Complaint Procedures, Including Student Employees

a. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct against another employee, the general provisions relating to employees and the employee complaint procedures set forth in HSC OP 51.02 shall apply. An employee having a complaint under this policy (HSC OP 51.03) should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity, and/or utilize the online reporting tool available on the University’s Title IX website at www.ttuhscl.edu/title-ix/.

b. In addition, in complaints of Sexual Misconduct the following provisions shall control.

(1) While there is no deadline to file a complaint, to promote timely and effective review, the University strongly encourages individuals who believe they have experienced Sexual Misconduct to come forward promptly with their complaints and to seek assistance from the University. Delays in reporting can greatly limit the University’s ability to stop the Sexual Misconduct, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating the policy.

(2) Individuals wishing to remain anonymous can file a complaint in any manner, including by telephone or written communication, with the University Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity. However, electing to remain anonymous may greatly limit the University’s ability to investigate an alleged incident, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating this policy.

(3) Both parties have the right to be accompanied by an advisor of the individual’s choosing during all meetings, proceedings, and/or disciplinary hearings at which the individual is present. The role of the advisor will be limited to being present only; advisors are not allowed to actively participate in the process.

(4) After the investigation is complete, the Office of Equal Opportunity will simultaneously provide notice in writing to the Reporting Party, to the Responding Party, and to the appropriate administrators of the following:

- Determination of the outcome;
- The finding of the Office of Equal Opportunity is final and not appealable by either party;
- In the event a finding of a violation of this policy is made, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as determined by the appropriate administrator; and
- If either party disagrees with the imposed disciplinary action or lack thereof because the disciplinary action imposed substantially varies from the range of disciplinary actions normally imposed for similar infractions, he or she may appeal within five (5) business days to the Title IX Coordinator. However, if the disciplinary action recommended is tenure revocation, proceedings will be pursuant to HSC OP 60.01.
(5) The Reporting Party and Responding Party will be simultaneously notified in writing of any changes to the results that occur prior to the time such results become final, and when such results become final.

6. Complaints Involving Non-University Individuals

a. If a non-University individual has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a student or University employee acting in the scope of his or her employment, the individual involved may file a report with either the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity and/or utilize the online reporting tool available on the University's Title IX website at www.ttuhsc.edu/title-ix/. The University may investigate and take steps to address the situation.

b. If a University employee or student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a non-University party that affects the employee's work environment or student's educational program or activity, the employee or student may make a report to the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity. The University may conduct an inquiry and take action, if possible, to prevent further misconduct. However, the University's response may differ for complaints regarding third parties based on the level of control the University has over the third party. Even though the University's ability to take direct action against a third party may be limited, the University may take steps to provide appropriate remedies for the employee or student and, where appropriate, the broader University Community.

7. Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who reports a potential violation under this policy, assists someone with a report of a violation, or participates in any manner in an investigation or in the resolution of a complaint made under this policy is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to threats, intimidation, reprisals and/or adverse actions related to an individual's employment or education. The University will take appropriate steps to assure that a person who in good faith reports, complains about, or participates in an investigation pursuant to this policy will not be subjected to retaliation. Individuals who believe they are experiencing retaliation are strongly encouraged to lodge a complaint with the University using the same procedure outlined in this policy.

Individuals who are found to have retaliated under this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the University, or being barred from University premises and events.

8. Interim Measures

The Reporting Parties may request and the University may implement interim measures, as may be necessary to assure the safety and well-being of the participants in the complaint process, to maintain an environment free from harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, and to protect the safety and well-being of the University Community. Appropriate University officials will decide if and what interim measures are necessary. Such interim measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Separating the Reporting Party's and Responding Party's academic or working situations;
- Forbidding contact between parties involved in a complaint;
- Suspending the right of the Responding Party to be present on campus or otherwise altering the University status of the Responding Party.

The Reporting or Responding Party who are the subjects of an alleged Sexual Assault will be allowed to drop a course in which they are both enrolled without any academic penalty.

Other interim measures may be implemented depending upon the Responding Party's relationship with the University. These interim measures may be kept in place through the
conclusion of any review, investigation, or appeal process. Interim measures can be implemented regardless of whether or not the Reporting Party pursues formal University or criminal action.

9. Confidentiality

The confidentiality of both the Reporting Party and the Responding Party will be honored by the University to the extent possible without compromising the University's commitment and obligation to investigate allegations of Sexual Misconduct, to protect the University Community, and to the extent allowed by law. However, because the University also has an obligation to maintain an environment free of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct, many University employees have mandatory reporting and response obligations and may not be able to honor a Reporting Party's request for confidentiality. The Title IX Coordinator will evaluate requests for confidentiality.

The willful and unnecessary disclosure of confidential information by anyone, including the Reporting Party or Responding Party, may affect the integrity of the investigation.

Students may make confidential reports to the Program of Assistance for Students or the Texas Tech University Student Counseling Center. Likewise, employees may make confidential reports through the Employee Assistance Program. All Reporting Parties may also make confidential reports to local rape crisis centers or to other licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role of providing those services.

10. Interference with an Investigation

Any person who knowingly and intentionally interferes with an investigation conducted under this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or separation from the University. Interference with an investigation may include, but is not limited to:

- Attempting to coerce, compel, influence, or prevent an individual from providing testimony or relevant information;
- Divulging confidential information;
- Removing, destroying, or altering documentation relevant to the investigation;
- Providing false or misleading information to the investigator, or encouraging others to do so.

11. Training and Education

The University's commitment to preventing and raising awareness of the harm resulting from the conduct prohibited in this policy includes providing primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees, ongoing education to both employees and students, and emailing information regarding this policy to students at the beginning of each academic semester. This policy is published on the University's website and information regarding this policy and related policies is included in orientation materials for new students, faculty, and staff. All employees must attend Equal Opportunity nondiscrimination and sex/gender discrimination training including sexual assault, sexual harassment, and campus crime mandated reporter training within the first 30 days of employment and receive supplemental training every two years. Other appropriate compliance training sessions will also be conducted on an ongoing basis. Training sessions will include information on how and where to report incidents of prohibited conduct, resources available, as well as, risk reduction and safe and positive options for bystander intervention. In addition, University employees and administrators responsible for implementing this policy, including the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or Office of Equal Opportunity, investigators, and hearing officers, receive annual training about offenses, investigatory procedures, due process requirements, and University policies related to or described in this policy.
12. Websites and Other Resources

The University maintains websites which provide comprehensive information about this policy, its procedures, Title IX, available resources, remedial support options, local support services, and illustrative examples of definitions contained herein.

- **Title IX Compliance** - [https://www.ttuhscc.edu/title-ix/default.aspx](https://www.ttuhscc.edu/title-ix/default.aspx)
- **Office of Student Services** - [https://www.ttuhscc.edu/studentservices/](https://www.ttuhscc.edu/studentservices/)
- **TTUHSC Operating Policies & Procedures** - [https://www.ttuhscc.edu/hsc/op/](https://www.ttuhscc.edu/hsc/op/)
- **Program of Assistance for Students** - [https://www.ttuhscc.edu/centers/swiad/eap/](https://www.ttuhscc.edu/centers/swiad/eap/)
- **TTUHSC Employee Assistance Program** - [https://www.ttuhscc.edu/centers/swiad/eap/](https://www.ttuhscc.edu/centers/swiad/eap/)

The following additional resources are available:

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Lubbock, Texas 79415

Covenant Medical Center | 806.725.0000 | 3615 19th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79410

Lubbock Voice of Hope | 806-763-7273 | P.O. Box 2000
Lubbock, Texas 79457

13. **Outside Agencies**

Nothing in this policy shall limit a person from seeking assistance or filing a complaint with an outside agency.

Administrative Agencies:

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| | | Suite 500
| | | El Paso, Texas 79901 |
| Texas Workforce Commission | 512-463-2222 | 101 E. 15th Street
| | | Austin, Texas 78778 |
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| Lubbock Police Department | 806-775-2865 | 916 Texas Avenue
| | | Lubbock, Texas 79401 |
| Lubbock County Sheriff's Department | 806-775-1400 | 811 Main Street
| | | P.O. Box 10536
| | | Lubbock, Texas 79407 |
| Texas Department of Public Safety | 512-424-2000 | 5805 North Lamar Blvd.
| | | Austin, Texas 78752 |

14. **Authoritative References**

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
- Texas Labor Code Chapter 21
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act of 2013 (Campus SaVE)
- Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
- Texas Education Code, Section 51.9363
- Texas Family Code Sections 71.004 and 71.0021
15. **Right to Change Policy**

The University reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend, or rescind this policy, in whole or in part, at any time without notice to or consent of its employees.
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Operating Policy and Procedure

HSCEP OP: 51.03, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Misconduct, and Title IX Policy and Complaint Procedure

PURPOSE: This policy provides information regarding the University’s prevention and education efforts related to sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, public indecency, Sexual Misconduct, interpersonal violence, and stalking. The policy provides students and employees with their rights and options and also explains how the University will proceed once it is made aware of allegations of prohibited conduct in keeping with the University’s values and in order to meet the legal obligations of Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), Texas Education Code, Section 51.9363, and other applicable law.

REVIEW: This HSCEP OP will be reviewed in October of odd-numbered years (ONY) by the TTUS Office of Equal Opportunity (EO), the Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Vice President of Student Services, and the Assistant Vice President of Human Resources, with substantive revisions submitted to the Chief Financial Officer. Any substantive changes to this policy must be approved by the Board of Regents.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

The University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state law, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex. Any acts that fall within the scope of this policy hereinafter are referred to as Sexual Misconduct.

While sexual orientation and gender identity are not explicitly protected categories under state or federal law, it is the University’s policy not to discriminate in employment, admission, or use of programs, activities, facilities, or services on this basis. Discriminatory behavior is prohibited regardless of the manner in which it is exhibited, whether verbally, in writing, by actions, or electronically displayed or conveyed.

This policy applies to all University students and employees, visitors, applicants for admission to or employment with the University, as well as University affiliates and others conducting business on campus. This policy will apply to on-campus and off-campus conduct of which the University is made aware and which adversely impacts the educational and employment environments of the University. The University will take all reasonable steps to prevent recurrence of any Sexual Misconduct and remedy discriminatory effects on the Reporting Party and others, if appropriate.

All complaint investigations and procedures will be non-adversarial in nature and will be conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner. Investigations conducted under this policy are not criminal investigations. For all complaints under this policy, the burden of proof shall be a preponderance of the
evidence, which means more likely than not.

The University expects all members of the University Community to comply with the law. Members of the University Community who violate these policies and laws may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the University, or being barred from University premises and events.

For complaints relating to any form of discrimination not covered by this policy, see HSCEP OP 51.02 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

1. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the definitions below apply. However, some of these terms are also defined under state law. If a person would like to file criminal charges for any alleged violations of criminal law, the definitions as set forth in state law may apply.

a. Consent – Mutually understandable words or actions, actively communicated both knowingly and voluntarily, that clearly conveys permission for a specific activity.

Consent is not effective if it results from: (a) the use of physical force, (b) a threat of physical force, (c) intimidation, (d) coercion, (e) incapacitation, or (f) any other factor that would eliminate an individual’s ability to exercise his or her own free will to choose whether or not to engage in sexual activity.

b. Employee – Any person who receives a W-2 or 1042-S from the University, including full and part-time faculty, staff, and students.

c. Incapacitation – A state of being that prevents an individual from having capacity to give consent. For example, incapacitation could result from the use of drugs or alcohol, a person being asleep or unconscious, or because of an intellectual or other disability.

d. Interpersonal Violence – For purposes of this policy, Interpersonal Violence is:

• Domestic or Family Violence – Abuse or violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Reporting Party, by a person with whom the Reporting Party shares a child in common, by a person with whom the Reporting Party is cohabiting (or has cohabited) with a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Reporting Party under the domestic or family violence laws of the State of Texas, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the State of Texas.

• Dating Violence – Abuse or violence, or a threat of abuse or violence, committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Reporting Party. The existence of such a relationship will be determined based on the type and length of the relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. A casual acquaintanceship or ordinary socializing between two individuals does not constitute a romantic or intimate relationship. This definition does not include acts covered under Domestic or Family Violence.

e. Public Indecency – Engaging in private or sexual acts in a publicly viewable location, such that it is offensive to accepted standards of decency including, but not limited to:

• Exposing one’s genitals or private areas;
• Public urination;
• Defecation; and/or
• Public sex acts.

f. **Reporting Party** – A person or entity (in the case of the University) who submits a complaint alleging a violation of this policy.

g. **Responding Party** – Generally, the Responding Party is the person who is alleged to be responsible for the prohibited conduct alleged in a complaint.

h. **Responsible Employee** – A University employee who has the authority to take action to redress an alleged violation of this policy; who has been given the duty of reporting such allegations to the University Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Deputy Coordinators; or whom an individual could reasonably believe has this authority or duty.

Responsible Employees include, but are not limited to:

• Administrators;
• Academic advisors;
• Coaches, and other athletic staff who interact directly with students;
• Faculty members, including professors, adjuncts, lecturers, instructors, and teaching assistants;
• Student services personnel;
• Graduate research assistants;
• Residence life or community advisors;
• Student organization advisors;
• All supervisory personnel;
• Human Resources personnel; and
• The Texas Tech Police Department.

i. **Sex Discrimination** – An act that deprives a member of the University Community of his or her rights of access to campuses and facilities and of participation in education, services, programs, operations, employment, benefits or opportunities with the University on the basis of the person’s sex.

j. **Sexual Misconduct** – A broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and other misconduct based on sex.

k. **Sexual Assault** – Sexual contact or intercourse with a person without the person’s consent, including sexual contact or intercourse against the person’s will or in a circumstance in which the person is incapable of consenting to the contact or intercourse. Sexual Assault includes:

(1) **Non-Consensual Sexual Contact** – Intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object or part of one’s body of another’s private areas without consent. Sexual Contact includes:
• Intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals;
• Touching another with any of these body parts;
• Making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts, or
• Any other intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner.

(2) **Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse** – Sexual penetration or intercourse, however slight, with a penis, tongue, finger, or any object, and without consent. Penetration
can be oral, anal, or vaginal.

The following offenses are examples of sexual assault: rape, incest, fondling, and statutory rape.

- **Rape** – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the Reporting Party.
- **Incest** – Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- **Fondling** – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the Reporting Party, including instances where the Reporting Party is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- **Statutory Rape** – Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

### I. Sexual Exploitation

Taking nonconsensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for the benefit of oneself or a third party. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Purposeful recording, distribution, or dissemination of sexual or intimate images or recordings of another person without that person's full knowledge or consent;
- Sexual voyeurism;
- Inducing another to expose one's genitals or private areas;
- Prostituting another; or
- Knowingly exposing someone to or transmitting a sexually transmitted disease.

### m. Sexual Harassment

Unwelcome sex-based verbal, written, or physical conduct when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or education;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for decisions affecting employment or education; or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment. To constitute an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment, the complained of conduct must be either severe, persistent, or pervasive.

Examples of inappropriate behavior that may constitute Sexual Harassment or Sexual Misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual teasing, jokes, remarks, or questions;
- Sexual looks and gestures;
- Sexual innuendoes or stories;
- Communicating in a manner with sexual overtones;
- Inappropriate comments about dress or physical appearance;
- Inappropriate discussion of private sexual behavior;
- Gifts, letters, calls, emails, online posts, or materials of a sexual nature;
- Sexually explicit visual material (calendars, posters, cards, software, internet, or other multimedia materials);
- Sexual favoritism;
- Pressure for dates or sexual favors;
- Unwelcome physical contact (touching, patting, stroking, rubbing);
- Non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity;
• Exposing one’s genitals or inducing another to expose his/her genitals;
• Stalking;
• Domestic or dating violence;
• Non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, or rape; or
• Other gender-based threats, discrimination, intimidation, hazing, bullying, stalking, or violence.

n. **Stalking** – A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his/her own safety or the safety of others or would cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress. A "course of conduct" means two or more acts in which a person directly, indirectly or through third parties, by any action, method, device or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person or interferes with a person’s property. "Reasonable person" means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and similarly situated to the Reporting Party. “Substantial emotional distress” means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

o. **University Community** – All faculty, staff, and students of and visitors to any University premises or University-affiliated activity.

For acts of gender/sex discrimination, such as denial of employment, wages, or benefits based on gender/sex, that are not sexual in nature and do not constitute Sexual Misconduct as defined in this policy, please see HSCEP OP 51.02, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedure for Violations of Employment and Other Laws.

2. **Title IX Coordinator and Equal Opportunity Office**

The University has a Title IX Coordinator who oversees the University’s compliance with Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex. The University has also designated Title IX Deputy Coordinators for students and employees.

The Office of Student Affairs will investigate complaints of Sexual Misconduct by or between students. The Texas Tech University System Office of Equal Opportunity (Office of EO) will investigate complaints of Sexual Misconduct by or between employees.

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3. Reporting Sexual Misconduct

a. All students, employees, and third parties are strongly encouraged to promptly report any incidents of Sexual Misconduct to the University Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, or Office of Equal Opportunity.

b. Mediation will not be used to resolve complaints of Sexual Assault an Interpersonal Violence as defined in this policy.

c. All students, employees, and third parties may also report incidents of Sexual Misconduct to law enforcement, including on-campus and local police. Reporting Parties may choose to notify law enforcement and will be provided the assistance of a Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, or Office of Equal Opportunity in contacting these authorities if the individual wishes. For a list of Law Enforcement Agencies, please see Section 13 of this policy. Reporting Parties may also decline to notify law enforcement of incidents of Sexual Misconduct.

d. An individual who experiences any form of sexual, domestic, or dating violence is encouraged to seek immediate medical care. Also, preserving DNA evidence can be key to identifying the perpetrator in a sexual violence case. Victims can undergo a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) performed by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to preserve physical evidence with or without police involvement. If possible, this should be done immediately. If an immediate medical exam is not possible, a SANE may still collect evidence up to 4 days following a sexual assault. With the examinee's consent, the physical evidence collected during this medical exam can be used in a criminal investigation. To undergo a SAFE, go directly to the nearest emergency department that provides SAFE services. For more information about the SAFE, see http://hopelaws.org/ or https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cvs/sexual-assault-prevention-and-crisis-services.

e. An individual who experiences any form of Sexual Misconduct should also preserve other evidence relevant to the complained of activity, such as items of clothing, photographs, phone records, text messages, computer records, and other documents.

f. If an employee is a Responsible Employee and receives information about Sexual Misconduct, reporting is required. Responsible Employees have a duty to promptly...
report all known details of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, Sexual Misconduct, sexual exploitation, public indecency, interpersonal violence, and stalking to the University Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, or Office of Equal Opportunity. Responsible Employees are not confidential reporting resources.

g. Disclosures to licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role in the provision of services are not subject to the foregoing mandatory reporting requirements. These employees include physicians, psychologists, nurses, counselors, and those performing services under their supervision. These employees are encouraged to provide students or employees with information and guidance regarding University reporting options and available resources but will not report or otherwise refer instances of sexual harassment/misconduct to University administrators without the student or employee’s express permission.

4. Complaints by or against Students

a. If a student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by another student, see Part IV, TTUHSCEP Institutional Student Handbook Student Code.

b. If a student has a complaint regarding Sexual Misconduct involving a student organization, see Part IV, TTUHSCEP Institutional Student Handbook Student Code.

c. If a student has a non-employment based complaint of Sexual Misconduct by an employee, see Part IV, TTUHSCEP Institutional Student Handbook Student Code. Alternatively, the student may contact the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of Equal Opportunity. Student complaints of Sexual Misconduct by an employee will be investigated jointly by the Office of Student Services and the Office of Equal Opportunity.

d. If a student enrolled at the university reports Sexual Misconduct in good faith, the university may not take disciplinary action against the student for violation(s) of the Code of Student Conduct in accordance with the amnesty provisions set forth in Part IV, Section C (11) in the TTUHSCEP Institutional Student Handbook Student Code. 


e. If a student employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct, which occurs during the course and scope of employment with the University, against an employee, the student should follow the procedure set forth for employees in this policy.

f. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct against a student, the employee should contact the Office of Student Services and/or file an incident report form, found at the Office of Student Affairs website.

5. Employee Complaint Procedures, Including Student Employees

a. If an employee has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct against another employee, the general provisions relating to employees and the employee complaint procedures set forth in HSCEP OP 51.02 shall apply. An employee having a complaint under this policy (HSCEP OP 51.03) should submit a completed Complaint of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, or Sexual Misconduct form, which is available on the University’s Human Resources website.

b. In addition, in complaints of Sexual Misconduct the following provisions shall control.
(1) While there is no deadline to file a complaint, to promote timely and effective review, the University strongly encourages individuals who believe they have experienced Sexual Misconduct to come forward promptly with their complaints and to seek assistance from the University. Delays in reporting can greatly limit the University’s ability to stop the Sexual Misconduct, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating the policy.

(2) Individuals wishing to remain anonymous can file a complaint in any manner, including by telephone or written communication, with the University Title IX Coordinator, a Title IX Deputy Coordinator, or the Office of Equal Opportunity. However, electing to remain anonymous may greatly limit the University’s ability to investigate an alleged incident, collect evidence, and/or take effective action against individuals or organizations accused of violating this policy.

(3) Both parties have the right to be accompanied by an advisor of the individual’s choosing during all meetings, proceedings, and/or disciplinary hearings at which the individual is present. The role of the advisor will be limited to being present only; advisors are not allowed to actively participate in the process.

(4) After the investigation is complete, the Office of Equal Opportunity will simultaneously provide notice in writing to the Reporting Party, to the Responding Party, and to the appropriate administrators of the following:

- Determination of the outcome;
- The finding of the Office of Equal Opportunity is final and not appealable by either party;
- In the event a finding of a violation of this policy is made, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as determined by the appropriate administrator; and
- If either party disagrees with the imposed disciplinary action or lack thereof because the disciplinary action imposed substantially varies from the range of disciplinary actions normally imposed for similar infractions, he or she may appeal within 5 business days to the Title IX Coordinator. However, if the disciplinary action recommended is tenure revocation, proceedings will be pursuant to HSCEP OP 60.01.

(5) The Reporting Party and Responding Party will be simultaneously notified in writing of any changes to the results that occur prior to the time such results become final, and when such results become final.

6. Complaints Involving Non-University Individuals

a. If a non-University individual has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a student or University employee acting in the scope of his or her employment, the individual involved may file a report with either the Office of Student Affairs or the Office of Equal Opportunity, and the University may investigate and take steps to address the situation.

b. If a University employee or student has a complaint of Sexual Misconduct by a non-University party that affects the employee’s work environment or student’s educational program or activity, the employee or student may make a report to the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, Office of Equal Opportunity, or Office of Student Services. The University may conduct an inquiry and take action, if possible, to prevent further misconduct. However, the University’s response may differ for complaints regarding third parties based on the level of control the University has over the third party. Even though the University’s ability to take direct action against a third party may be limited, the

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University may take steps to provide appropriate remedies for the employee or student and, where appropriate, the broader University Community.

7. Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who reports a potential violation under this policy, assists someone with a report of a violation, or participates in any manner in an investigation or in the resolution of a complaint made under this policy is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to threats, intimidation, reprisals and/or adverse actions related to an individual’s employment or education. The University will take appropriate steps to assure that a person who in good faith reports, complains about, or participates in an investigation pursuant to this policy will not be subjected to retaliation. Individuals who believe they are experiencing retaliation are strongly encouraged to lodge a complaint with the University using the same procedure outlined in this policy.

Individuals who are found to have retaliated under this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion from the University, or being barred from University premises and events.

8. Interim Measures

The Reporting Parties may request and the University may implement interim measures, as may be necessary to assure the safety and well-being of the participants in the complaint process, to maintain an environment free from harassment, discrimination, or retaliation, and to protect the safety and well-being of the University Community. Appropriate University officials will decide if and what interim measures are necessary. Such interim measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Separating the Reporting Party’s and Responding Party’s academic or working situations;
- Forbidding contact between parties involved in a complaint;
- Suspending the right of the Responding Party to be present on campus or otherwise altering the University status of the Responding Party.

The Reporting or Responding Party who are the subjects of an alleged sexual assault will be allowed to drop a course in which they are both enrolled without any academic penalty.

Other interim measures may be implemented depending upon the Responding Party’s relationship with the University. These interim measures may be kept in place through the conclusion of any review, investigation, or appeal process. Interim measures can be implemented regardless of whether or not the Reporting Party pursues formal University or criminal action.

9. Confidentiality

The confidentiality of both the Reporting Party and the Responding Party will be honored by the University to the extent possible without compromising the University’s commitment and obligation to investigate allegations of Sexual Misconduct, to protect the University Community, and to the extent allowed by law. However, because the University also has an obligation to maintain an environment free of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct, many University employees have mandatory reporting and response obligations and may not be able to honor a Reporting Party’s request for confidentiality. The Title IX Coordinator will evaluate requests for confidentiality.

The willful and unnecessary disclosure of confidential information by anyone, including the Reporting Party or Responding Party, may affect the integrity of the investigation.
Students may make confidential reports to the Program of Assistance for Students (PAS) at 1-800-327-0328. Likewise, employees may make confidential reports through the Employee Assistance Program. All Reporting Parties may also make confidential reports to local rape crisis centers or to other licensed clinical and/or mental health professionals acting in their professional role of providing those services.

10. **Interference with an Investigation**

Any person who knowingly and intentionally interferes with an investigation conducted under this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal or separation from the University. Interference with an investigation may include, but is not limited to:

- Attempting to coerce, compel, influence, or prevent an individual from providing testimony or relevant information;
- Divulging confidential information;
- Removing, destroying, or altering documentation relevant to the investigation; or
- Providing false or misleading information to the investigator, or encouraging others to do so.

11. **Training and Education**

The University’s commitment to preventing and raising awareness of the harm resulting from the conduct prohibited in this policy includes providing primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees, ongoing education to both employees and students, and emailing information regarding this policy to students at the beginning of each academic semester. This policy is published on the University’s website and information regarding this policy and related policies is included in orientation materials for new students, faculty, and staff. All employees must attend Equal Opportunity non-discrimination and sex/gender discrimination training including sexual assault, sexual harassment, and campus crime mandated reporter training within the first 30 days of employment and receive supplemental training every two years. Other appropriate compliance training sessions will also be conducted on an ongoing basis. Training sessions will include information on how and where to report incidents of prohibited conduct, resources available, as well as risk reduction and safe and positive options for bystander intervention. In addition, University employees and administrators responsible for implementing this policy, including the Title IX Coordinator, Title IX Deputy Coordinators, investigators, and hearing officers, receive annual training about offenses, investigatory procedures, due process requirements, and University policies related to or described in this policy.

12. **Websites and Other Resources**

The University maintains websites which provide comprehensive information about this policy, its procedures, Title IX, available resources, remedial support options, local support services, and illustrative examples of definitions contained herein.

- Title IX Compliance [http://elpaso.ttuhscc.edu/hr/](http://elpaso.ttuhscc.edu/hr/)
- Office of Student Services [http://elpaso.ttuhscc.edu/elpaso/studentservices/](http://elpaso.ttuhscc.edu/elpaso/studentservices/)
- TTUHSCEP Employee Assistance Program 915-215-5865 or 915-215-5861

The following additional resources are available:
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13. Outside Agencies

Nothing in this policy shall limit a person from seeking assistance or filing a complaint with an outside agency.

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14. Authoritative References

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
• Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
• Texas Labor Code Chapter 21
• Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
• Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act of 2013 (Campus SaVE)
• Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
• Texas Education Code, Section 51.9363
• Texas Family Code Sections 71.004 and 71.0021
• Texas Penal Code Section 42.072

15. Right to Change Policy

The University reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend, or rescind this policy, in whole or in part, at any time without notice to or consent of its employees.
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**Other Value-Added Work Totals:**

1,300

265

1,035

**Total Engagement Hours:**

20,064

100

3,104

5,174

12,480

**Key:**
- *Audit that are mandated by law, Operating Policies, employee contracts, etc. Will be performed on a 100% basis of a pre-defined schedule.
- *Prior Year* engagements from prior year’s audit plan that were not completed at the time the plan was approved.
- *New* engagements that were approved at the beginning of the current year.
- *Retired* engagements that were deleted from the plan.
- *Reopened* engagements that were deleted from the plan but were re-added by the audit committee.
- *Executive Review* engagements that were referred to the audit committee for review.
- *Unscheduled* engagements that were added as a result of an audit committee decision.
- *Recommended* engagements that are recommended by the audit committee or other governing body.
- *Other* engagements that are not included in the above categories.

**Other Projects:**
- Involvement in strategic planning, mission development and evaluation, professional organizations, etc.
Texas Tech University

Approve Stage I design budgets for Phase II of the Sports Performance Complex & Jones Stadium South End Zone Facility design professional contract and amend that contract to include the renovation & expansion of the Football Training Facility

Michael S. Molina
Kirby Hocutt
Stage I Design Services Scope

- Contracting of the design professional:
  - Existing design professional contract provided for Phase II of the engagement – South End Zone Facility
  - Amend the design professional contract to add Stage I Design Services for Renovation and Expansion of the Football Training Facility
- Each facility independently analyzed and the following provided:
  - Facility functional use programming;
  - Schematic design;
  - Site analysis;
  - Utility infrastructure analysis; and
  - Concept budget.

Proposed Project Overview

- Analysis of two separate facilities which are integral components of the overall Athletics operations.
- South End Zone Facility
  - Analysis/comparison of renovation of existing structure vs. raze and rebuild;
  - Enhancement of fan experience, modify seating solutions; administration and coaches offices; and
  - Enclose the bowl in context with existing and new facilities.
- Renovation/Expansion of the Football Training Facility
  - Analyze and program expansion to the north
  - Analyze and program solutions defining renovation needs.
- Both projects to include site utility infrastructure work, landscape enhancements, and public art.
Recommendation

- Approve establishment of a Stage I design budget not to exceed $650,000 to provide planning and schematic design services for Phase II of the Sports Performance Complex & Jones Stadium South End Zone Facility design professional contract. The South End Zone Facility total project budget is anticipated to be between $45 - $50 million;
- Establish another Stage I design budget not to exceed $250,000 to provide planning and schematic design services for the renovation & expansion of the Football Training Facility, with an anticipated total project budget of $6,000,000;
- Adjust design professional's contract budget by an amount not to exceed $900,000;
- Report the adjustments to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and
- Amend the design professional contract to reflect both scopes of work.
- The Stage I design budgets will be funded with gifts and donations and Athletics Revenue (cash).
Texas Tech University

Approve concept and Stage I design budget for a new Athletic Dining Facility

*Michael S. Molina*

*Kirby Hocutt*
Stage I Design Services Scope

- Contracting of the design professional;
  - Design professional selected from the TTU System's approved pre-qualification list
  - MWM Architects
- Facility functional use programming;
- Schematic design;
- Site analysis;
- Utility infrastructure analysis; and
- Concept budget.

Proposed Project Overview

- Program and schematic design of an approximate 12,000 GSF facility
- Facility to include:
  - Multiple dining environments;
  - Educational kitchen;
  - Full service kitchen with storage area, scullery, and walk-in cooler and freezer;
  - Men's and women's restrooms;
  - Operations office area; and
  - Service dock.
- Project also includes site utility infrastructure work, landscape enhancements, and public art.
Recommendation

- Authorize to establish a Stage I design budget of $220,000 to provide planning and schematic design services for a new Athletic Dining Facility project with an anticipated budget of $5,500,000; and award a design professional contract.
- The Stage I design budget will be funded with Athletics Revenue (cash).
Texas Tech University

Approve scope and budget adjustment to the United Supermarkets Arena renovations project

Michael S. Molina
Scope of Work

- Adjust scope and budget to integrate work in the west front entry lobby:
  - New branding graphic package;
  - Electrical requirements; and
  - Interior finishes.
- Waive the board directed fees for landscape enhancements and public art associated with this adjusted scope of work.

Project Budget

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*Waived Board directed fees for landscape enhancement and public art
Recommendation

- Approve adjustment to the scope and budget of the United Supermarkets Arena Renovations by $268,000 for a total project budget of $5,581,624; report the adjustment to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; waive the board directed fees for landscape enhancements and public art associated with this expanded scope of work; complete the contract documents; and amend the design-build contract.

- The budget adjustment will be funded with Athletics Revenue (cash).
Texas Tech University

Approve naming lab within the College of Architecture

Patrick Kramer
Michael S. Molina
Recommendation

- Approve the naming of an interdisciplinary fabrication research lab located within the College of Architecture, to be named the "F. Marie Hall Collaborative Fabrication Shop".
- The donor's legal representative concurs with the naming of this interior space.
- Appropriate signage for the lab will specify the approved name.
Texas Tech University

Approve naming lab within the College of Engineering

Patrick Kramer
Michael S. Molina

Terry Fuller Petroleum Engineering Research Building
Recommendation

- Approve the naming of a core sample research lab located within the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering in the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, to be named the “Chevron Reservoir Rock Properties Laboratory and Workshop.”
- The donor’s legal representative concurs with the naming of this interior space.
- Appropriate signage for the lab will specify the approved name.
Texas Tech University

Approve text, installation and location of memorial(s) honoring Texas Tech University Medal of Honor recipients

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec

East Side of Pfluger Fountain at Memorial Circle
Proposed Medal of Honor Memorial

Army Medal of Honor
Navy And
Marine Corps Medal of Honor

Recommendation

- Approve the location, installation, and text of memorials honoring Texas Tech University alumni who are recipients of the Medal of Honor.
- Lt. George H. O'Brien, Jr. is a 1950 graduate of Texas Technological College. Lt. O'Brien was awarded the Medal of Honor for his action during the Korean conflict.
- Private First Class Herman C. Wallace was attending Texas Technological College in 1943 when he was called to service in the European theater of operations during World War II. PFC Wallace was killed in action on February 27, 1945.
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Approve budget adjustment to the Lubbock Expansion project

Michael S. Molina

Scope of Work

- Scope and budget adjustment incorporates:
  - 2,300 GSF expansion to the Fifth Floor of the west expansion project for student collaboration, engagement and study area;
  - 12,500 GSF Classroom/Academic Event Center; and
  - Reinstatement of other value engineering items.
    - Roofing system membrane
    - Lobby ceiling
West Expansion - Fifth Floor

Classroom/Academic Event Center

LEGEND

Lecture Hall / Classrooms
Pre-function Area
Office
Food Service
Circulation
Support Spaces
## Project Budget

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* Waived Board directed fees for landscape enhancement and public art associated with this budget adjustment

## Recommendation

- Approve to adjust the budget of the Lubbock Education, Research & Technology + West Expansion project in the amount not to exceed $5,475,000 if no additional savings are identified for a total project budget of $91,375,000; report the adjustment to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; waive the board directed fees for landscape enhancement and public art associated with this budget adjustment; amend the Design Professional contract; amend the Construction Manager Agent contract; and amend the Construction Manager at Risk contract.

- The budget adjustment will be funded with Higher Education Assistance Fund ("HEAF") cash.
ATTACHMENT FOR FACILITIES COMMITTEE ITEM #8

(1) Amend Sections 08.01.2 and 08.01.3, Regents' Rules, as follows:

08.01 Construction program

08.01.2 Authorization. [The chancellor or the chancellor's designated representative, upon the recommendation of the president, is authorized to initiate a construction project, select a design professional, select a construction manager agent, establish a planning budget, develop a schematic design for the project, and select the construction delivery method from Section 08.01.4, Regents' Rules. If appropriate for the construction delivery method selected, the chancellor or the chancellor's designated representative also may select the project design-build team for design services only or select the project construction manager at-risk for pre-construction services only.] Construction projects are either new construction projects or repair and renovation projects, and each category of construction projects shall be governed as follows:

a. Major projects are construction projects with a total budget of $2,000,000 or more. These projects are governed by Section 08.01.3, Regents' Rules.

b. Minor projects are construction projects with a total budget of less than $2,000,000. These projects are governed by Section 08.01.4, Regents' Rules.
08.01.3 Major construction projects. Major construction projects include: new construction projects and repair and renovation projects with a total project budget of $2,000,000 or more.

a. For major construction projects [the Chancellor, or the chancellor’s designated representative, upon the recommendation of the president if the project is being constructed for a component institution, shall may proceed with the following pre-construction activities before any project has received preliminary approval by the board:

(1) [The] The chancellor, or the chancellor’s designated representative, upon the recommendation of the president if the project is being constructed for a component institution, [shall] may proceed with the following pre-construction activities before any project has received preliminary approval by the board:

[(4)] (a) [obtain] identify funding from the entity for which the project is being constructed so that planning activities for the project may begin, [with the funding not to exceed $1,000,000 and] with a preliminary estimate of the project budget (a budget goal) being provided along with the funding request;

[(2)] (b) [work with facility user representatives, as designated by the president if the project is being constructed for a component institution, to develop a preliminary scope of the project, which shall be known as an Owner’s Project Requirements (OPR) document; and]

(c) [engage in other preliminary pre-construction planning activities through the use of pre-qualified service providers (such as surveyors, civil engineers, asbestos consultants, and so forth), with the commitments to such service providers not to exceed a cumulative total of $100,000.]

Board will approve a project planning budget when it grants preliminary approval for a project.

Assistance from certain external partners may be needed on a limited basis in order to get a proposed project ready for presentation to the Board for preliminary project approval.
(2) Preliminary approval by the board, to include a project planning budget, is required before an architect/engineer team, a construction manager-agent, or a construction manager-at-risk may be engaged for pre-construction services. When such preliminary project approval is requested, the board shall be presented information that includes a summary of the project concept, the proposed project planning budget, an estimated total project budget, and an overview of the selection process for each proposed external partner that includes the following information:

(a) Initial Submittal Phase:

    i. weighted grading criteria used in the initial selection phase;

    ii. names of all submitting firms;

    iii. grading of the initial submittals by the members of the selection committee; and

    iv. a summary of the scores.

(b) Interview Phase:

    i. weighted grading criteria for this phase;

    ii. names of firms selected to interview for this phase;

    iii. scoring of each firm by the members of the selection committee; and

    iv. summary of final scores from the Interview Phase.
(3) retain the services of a design professional to begin preliminary programming based upon the OPR;

(4) retain the services of a construction or construction estimating firm to develop a preliminary construction and project budget based upon the OPR and preliminary programming;

(5) obtain approval from the president and/or chancellor, as appropriate, to submit the project for board approval.

§08.01.3.b = construction phase approval

b. For major construction projects, when approval to proceed with the construction phase of a project is requested, the board shall be presented information that includes the project design, the proposed project budget, and a detailed summary of proposed fees, cost, included and excluded consultants (for design professionals), proposed bonding, and general conditions (for construction managers) for each selected external partner. The chancellor or the chancellor's designated representative, upon the recommendation of the president, shall obtain the approval of the board prior to proceeding with the following actions as applicable to the project:

(1) approve a total project budget;

(2) proceed with design development and construction documents;

(3) submit required reports to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;

(4) solicit and accept construction bids or proposals; [and]

(5) award a construction contract or execute a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract amendment; and
(6) amend any associated existing contracts to reflect the remaining scope of the project as well as construction management services for the project.

c. Board approval: combining steps in the process; dividing projects.

(1) Any of the steps listed in Section 08.01.3.b may be combined in the board approval process. The board, however, may choose to retain control over any or all of the steps listed above in the board approval process.

(2) Projects shall not be divided for the purpose of falling within a lower level of approval.

d. The chancellor's designated representative for major construction projects shall be the FP&C Office. All major construction projects shall be managed by the FP&C Office.

e. The board may choose to employ an outside entity that supplies Construction Manager-Agent Services to assist the FP&C Office.

f. All major construction projects that have a construction cost of more than $10,000,000 shall be conducted under the auspices of the FP&C Office but with the assistance of a Construction Manager-Agent unless the board approves an exception.

g. The following changes to a major construction project require re-approval by the board and may require re-submission of a report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:

(1) the total cost of a project exceeds the board-approved budget;

(2) the TTU system administration or the component institution has not contracted for the project within 18 months of the date of final approval by the board; or

(3) any funding source of an approved project is changed.
h. Even though the overall amount of a project budget may not increase, any amount for an architect/engineer team, a construction manager-agent, or a construction manager-at-risk that will exceed the budgeted amount approved by the board shall be reported to the board prior to execution of the related amendment to that contract.

i. At each regular meeting of the board, a summary of each major construction project in progress shall be provided to the board that includes photos of the project and the status of the project’s schedule and budget.

(2) Amend Section 08.01.7, Regents’ Rules, as follows:

08.01.7 Emergency actions.

a. If the chancellor, on the recommendation of the president, declares a major construction project to be an emergency or that exigent circumstances exist and it is not feasible or practical to convene a quorum of the board within the time in which action is needed, the board authorizes the chair of the board or the chair of the Facilities Committee to approve all necessary actions. Any emergency actions taken must be reported to the board at its next meeting.

b. Notwithstanding Section 08.01.3.h(2), Regents’ Rules, when an emergency or exigent circumstances exist such that immediate action to address life, health or safety risks is required for a major project that is under construction, the board authorizes the chancellor to approve the use of any contingency funds designated for the project for activities necessary to address the risks. Subsequently, approval of the use of such funds
contingency funds shall be documented in writing and reported to the board.
Amend Chapter 08 (Facilities), Regents' Rules, regarding approval of major construction projects

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Work under a STEP 1 contract for pre-construction planning begins only after STEP 1 approval granted. |

| **STEP 2 Approvals** | **ADD:** Formalize the following current process that's used: If STEP 2 of the project is approved by the full Board, all associated existing contracts are amended to reflect the remaining design scope as well as construction management services. |

| **Post-Board approval... (i.e., during construction)** | **ADD:** "Post approval" use of capabilities addressed in a separate System policy/procedure. |

Even though the overall project budget may not increase, any construction or professional design contracts covered by the amended contract(s) must be reviewed and approved by the full Board prior to execution. |

Format the current "informal" requirement re: at each Board meeting a report of major projects is provided that includes project photos and the status of the project's schedule and budget. |

| **Prior to Board approval of a major project, the Chancellor is delegated the authority to initiate the project and:** | **ADD:** Prior to Board approval of a major project, the Chancellor is delegated the authority to initiate the project and: |

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- select/contract with a CM
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Recommendation

- Approve adoption of amendments to Chapter 08 (Facilities) of the Regents' Rules.

- Authorize the Board Secretary to make technical/conforming changes elsewhere in the Regents' Rules as needed. For example, changes in the numbering of subsections within Chapter 08 may require corresponding changes elsewhere in the Regents' Rules where provisions cite a section number that has changed.
## FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

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**NOTE**

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-减少 funding due to savings.
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### Facilities Planning and Construction

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198 Projects
Texas Tech University System

Report on Facilities Planning and Construction projects (project data as of 09/29/17)

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ASU - LeGrand Football Stadium Press Box

Current Budget: $3,976,000
Gross Square Feet: 6,600 GSF
Team / Status:
- Design Professional: Gary Donaldson Architects / Design @ 97%
- Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R): Waddell Construction @ 63%
- Construction Manager Agent (CMAgent): None Required
- Artist: Bob Guellich / November 2017 Installation

Substantial Completion Date:
Original Date – August 2017
Temporary Restrooms / Partial Concessions
Current Data – November 15, 2017
Substantial Completion
Actual Date – TBD
### ASU - LeGrand Football Stadium Press Box

**Construction Delivery:** CMR

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**PARTNERS**
- **General Contractor:** Weikop
- **Design Professional:** Gary Donahue Architects
- **CM Agent:** None Required
- **L&L Auditor:** NA

(Note: Previous board meeting (e-Builders as of 7/28/2017)

(Note: e-Builders (Project Management Software)

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### ASU – Archer College of Health and Human Services

**Current Budget:** $28,360,000

**Gross Square Feet:** 56,600 GSF

**Team / Status:**
- Design Professional:
  - PSX Architects / Design @ 99%
- Construction Manager @ Risk (CMR):
  - Western Builders of Amarillo / Construction @ 67%
- Construction Manager Agent (CMAgent):
  - Hill International @ 04%
- Artist: Owen Morel / January 2018 Installation

**Substantial Completion Date:**
- Original Date - December 2017
- Actual Date - TBD
ASU – Archer College of Health and Human Services

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- General Contractor: Western Builders of Arizona
- Architect: PSK Architects
- CM Agent: Hill International
- T&R Auditor: RSM

① Previous board meeting (e-Build as of 7/28/2017)
② e-Build (Project Management Software)

ASU – Centennial Village – Phase II

Current Budget: $14,500,000
Gross Square Feet: 48,000 GSF

Team / Status:
- Design-Build Team:
  - Whiting Turner Construction / Marnon Mok
  - 22%
- Construction Manager (CM Agent):
  - Waived
- Owner:
  - Finalist selected, pending approval

Substantial Completion Date:
- Original Date – June 2018
- Actual Date – TBD
ASU – Centennial Village – Phase II

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PARTNERS
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Design Professional: Mannon Mnk
CM Agent: Waived
Ter 2 Auditor: RIM

(1) Previous board meeting (e-Build as of 7/28/2017)
(2) e-Build (Project Management Software)

TTU – Industrial Engineering Building Renovation

Current Budget: $9,009,000
Gross Square Feet: 44,803 GSF
Team / Status - Phase I & II:
- Design Professional: Dake/Weaver/Sabin
- Construction Manager at Risk (CMR):
  Tenant Commercial Building Services / Construction Ph II @ 54%
- Construction Manager Agent (CMAgent):
  None Required
- Artist:
  Phase I Waived by BOR 03-06-2015
  Phase II Shane Albott / Installed 08/2017

Substantial Completion Date:
Original Date – Phase I - August 2016
Phase II - Increase - October 2017
Actual Date – Phase I - August 2016
Phase II - April 2017
Phase II Increase - TBD
## TTU – Industrial Engineering Building Renovation

**Construction Delivery:** CMR

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- **Design Professional:** Deka/Perich/Sabatini
- **CM Agent:** None Required
- **Tier 2 Audits:** N/A

(0) Previous board meeting (e-Builer as of 7/28/2017)
(0) e-Builer (Project Management Software)

## TTU – Sports Performance Center

**Current Budget:** $48,000,000

**Gross Square Foot:** 159,245 GSF

**Team/Status:**
- Design Professional: Gensler / Design @ 97%
- Construction Manager at Risk (CMR): Flintco, LLC / Construction @ 90%
- Construction Manager Agent (CMAgent): PC Sports, Inc. @ 89%
- **Artist:** Simon Donovan - Installed

**Substantial Completion Date:**
- **Original Date:** July 2017
- Current Date: August 27, 2017
- Actual Date: TBD
### TTU – Sports Performance Center

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**PARTNERS**
- General Contractor: Fitzbo, LLC
- Design Professional: Genser
- CM Agent: PC Sports, Inc.
- Tier 2 Auditor: RSM

① Previous board meeting (e-Builders as of 7/28/2017)
② e-Builders (Project Management Software)

### TTU – Museum Life Safety Upgrade and Air Management Replacement

- **Current Budget:** $ 7,680,000
- **Gross Square Feet:** 238,555 GSF
- **Team / Status:**
  - Design Professional: Parth SMith & Cooper, Inc. Design @ 75%
  - General Contractor: Sandia Construction / Construction @ 59%
  - Construction Manager Agent (CM/Agent): None Required
  - Artid: TBD
- **Substantial Completion Date:**
  - Original Date – December 2017
  - Actual Date – TBD
TTU – Museum Life Safety Upgrade and Air Management Replacement

Construction Delivery, CMR

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① Previous board meeting (e-Build as of 7/28/2017)
② e-Build (Project Management Software)

TTU – Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts Theatre & Dance Complex Addition

Current Budget: $ 23,000,000
Gross Square Feet: 49,189 GSF

Team / Status:
- Design Professional:
  BRW Architects / Design @ 64%
- General Contractor:
  Taitart Commercial Building Services, Inc. / Construction @ 2%
- Construction Manager Agent (CMAgent):
  Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. @ 12%
- Artist:
  Artist Interviews October 23

Substantial Completion Date:
Original Date – December 2019
Actual Date – TBD
TTU – Experimental Sciences Building II

Construction Delivery: CMK

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PARTNERS
- General Contractor: Flintco, LLC
- Design/Professional: Treasurer
- CM Agent: Provincial Control of Texas, Inc.
- Estimating: CBIZ

1. Previous board meeting (8/Builder as of 7/28/2017)
2. 8-Builder (Project Management Software)

TTUHSC – Lubbock Education, Research & Technology + West Expansion

Current Budget: $ 85,900,000

Gross Square Feet: 185,062 GSF

Team/Status:
- Design Professional: Perkins + Will @ 70%
- Construction Manager at Risk (CMR): Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors / Construction @ 22%
- Construction Manager Agent (CM Agent): Hill International @ 30%
- Artist: RFQ currently active

Substantial Completion Date:
- Original Date – TBD
- Actual Date – TBD
### TTUHSC – Lubbock Education, Research & Technology + West Expansion

**Construction Delivery:** CMR

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**NOTES**
- Previous board meeting (e-Builders as of 7/28/2017)
- e-Builders (Project Management Software)

### TTUHSC – SimCentral

**Current Budget:** $9,750,000

**Gross Square Feet:** 20,532 GSF

**Team / Status:**
- Design Professional: Dekker/Perich/Sabin / Design @ 98%
- General Contractor: Western Builders of Amarillo, Inc. / Construction @ 90%
- Construction Manager / Agent (CM/Agent): None Required
- Artist: Carolyn Braskama / Installed August 2017

**Substantial Completion Date:**
- Original Date – August 2017
- Actual Date – August 25, 2017
## TTUHSC – SimCentral

Construction Delivery: CMR

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**NOTES**

1. Previous board meeting (e-Builders as of 7/28/2017)
2. e-Builders (Project Management Software)

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## TTUHSC – Permian Basin Academic Facility

**Current Budget:** $22,900,000

**Gross Square Feet:** 51,000 GSF

**Team/Status:**
- Design Professional: PKP Architects, Inc. / Design @ 67%
- General Contractor: Flintco, LLC / Construction @ 12%
- Construction Manager Agent (CM Agent): Adams Management Services @ 50%
- Artistic: Albert Pasey / July 2018 Installation

**Substantial Completion Date:**
- Original Date – July 2018
- Actual Date – TBD
### TTUHSC – Permian Basin Academic Facility

**Construction Delivery:** CMR

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**PARTNERS:**
- General Contractor: Finto, LLC
- Design Professional: FHP Architects, Inc.
- CM Agent: Adams Management
- Tier 2 Auditor: CMX

① Previous board meeting (e-Build as of 7/28/2017)
② e-Build (Project Management Software)

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### TTUHSC El Paso - Medical Sciences Building II

**Current Budget:** $34,400,000
**Gross Square Feet:** 232,000 GSF

**Team / Status:**
- Design Professional: Perkins + Will / Design @ 74%
- Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR): Sundt / Construction @ 11%
- Construction Manager Agent (CMAgent): Broadbent and Associates @17%
- Architect: RFQ in progress

**Substantial Completion Date:**
- Original Date: March 2016
- Actual Date: TBD
### TTUHSC El Paso - Medical Sciences Building II

**Construction Delivery: CMR**

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**NOTES:**
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- e-Builder (Project Management Software)

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### Texas Tech University System

**Status of Public Art**

*Michael S. Molina*
Public Art Collection – Smart Phone App
Public Art Collection – Smart Phone App Features

- Geofence technology that directs the user to art pieces using their location and Google Maps;
- Tour lists that will allow the user to explore the collection by different themes;
- Users can “favorite” pieces and create their own lists for tours;
- A game that provides clues that hint at the next piece in the users journey. The app will keep score and allow users to compete with others;
- Social media capability allows users to comment and add photos to the app, as well as share photos through Instagram and Facebook.
- January 2018 roll out.
ASU - LeGrand Football Stadium Press Box

Art Budget: $80,000
Artist: Bob Guelich
San Antonio, TX
Title: Awaiting artist announcement
Status: November 2017 Installation

ASU – Archer College of Health & Human Services

Art Budget: $253,000
Artist: Owen Morrel
Miami, FL
Title: Cube-I
Status: January 2016 Installation
TTU – Industrial Engineering Building Renovation

Art Budget: $33,500
Artist: Shane Albritton
Houston, TX
Title: Aureole
Status: August 2017 installation

TTU – Sports Performance Center

Art Budget: $450,000
Artist: Simon Donovan
Tucson, AZ
Title: Run
Status: Installed September 2017
TTU – New Honors Residence Hall

Art Budget: $287,000
Artist: Marc Fonesa / Theverymany
New York, NY
Title: Wandering
Status: December 2017 Installation

TTUHSC – Permian Basin Academic Facility

Art Budget: $214,000
Artist: Albert Paley
New York, NY
Title: Awaiting artist announcement
Status: July 2018 Installation
ATTACHMENT FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ITEM # 1

Amend Section 07.12.4 as follows:

07.12.3 Board approval.

a. Upon recommendation of the chancellor, board approval is required for contracts that involve a stated or implied consideration that totals in excess of $1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract, unless a different consideration is specified by this policy. This requirement is applicable to both cash and non-cash considerations. The board may delegate the approval and signature authority for such contracts to the chancellor or component president.

b. The board must approve any amendment, extension, or renewal of a contract with a value that exceeds 25% of the value of the original contract approved by the board or that increases the value of the original contract to more than $1,000,000 unless the authority to exceed the approved amount is expressly delegated by the board or an exception is expressly adopted by the board for that contract.

07.12.4 Board delegation of authority.

a. Notwithstanding Section 07.12.3.a, Regents' Rules, contracts that involve a stated or implied consideration that total in excess of $1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract but the per annum amount is less than $1,000,000 shall be approved by the chancellor or president, as appropriate. This requirement is applicable to both cash and non-cash considerations.

b. Notwithstanding Section 07.12.3.a, Regents' Rules, the board delegates to the presidents the authority to approve the proposals and execute and sign contracts for sponsored program projects in excess of $1,000,000 per annum. Sponsored program projects are those grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements from either the public or private sectors that support research, instructional, and service projects. A list of such contracts for sponsored program projects in excess of $1,000,000 per
annum shall be provided to the board as an information item at the next regular board meeting.

c. **Notwithstanding Section 07.12.3.a or Section 07.12.3.b, Regents’ Rules,** the board delegates to the presidents of health-related institutions the authority to approve the proposals and execute and sign contracts for health related services, as specified herein. This delegation is limited to contracts with entities for which the institution has an ongoing and continuing contractual relationship, to include: revenue contracts from which the institution receives payment for health related services; participation in health provider networks; resident or faculty support; and expense contracts with healthcare providers or suppliers necessary to fulfill the obligation to provide health related services as part of a revenue contract. Before such a contract may be executed, the president shall obtain the prior review of the TTUS Office of General Counsel and the TTUS vice chancellor and chief financial officer, or their designees. A list of health related services contracts that have been executed under this delegation of authority since the previous regular board meeting shall be provided to the board as an information item at the next regular board meeting.

d. [e.] The board delegates to the chancellor and the presidents the authority to execute and sign contracts related to construction projects for TTUSA and the component institutions, respectively, as provided by Chapter 08, Regents’ Rules.

d. The board delegates to the chancellor and the presidents the authority to execute and sign any amendment, extension, or renewal of a contract for their respective institution that increases the value of the original contract to more than $1,000,000. A list of such amendments, extensions, and renewals shall be provided to the board as an information item at the next regular board meeting.]
e. Contracts that provide for the services of a consultant.

(1) Consulting contracts with an initial consideration in excess of $25,000:

(a) Upon recommendation of the chancellor, board approval is required prior to the execution of a consulting contract with an initial consideration in excess of $25,000 and prior to the execution of all modifications that increase the consideration of such a contract.

(b) A consulting contract with an initial consideration in excess of $25,000 may be executed prior to approval by the board if:

i. the contract includes a provision that limits the total amount to be paid to the consultant to no more than $25,000 unless and until such time as the board has approved the agreement; and

ii. the chair or chair of the Finance and Administration Committee authorize a proposal submitted to them by the chancellor, or the chancellor's designee, regarding execution of the agreement in advance of approval by the board.

(2) Consulting contracts with an initial consideration of $25,000 or less:

(a) Board approval is not required, but the vice chancellor and chief financial officer, in consultation with the chancellor, presidents, and chief financial officers of the institutions, shall review consulting contracts of $25,000 or less prior to execution of the contract by the chancellor or president, as appropriate.

(b) A report of the contract shall be provided as an Information Agenda item at the next board meeting.

(c) Approval of the board is required prior to execution for any modification to a consulting contract where the initial
consideration was $25,000 or less and the modification will cause the total consideration to exceed $25,000.

(3) For the purposes of Section 07.12.4.e, Regents' Rules, a search firm is a service provider and is not deemed to be a consultant.