



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
**Board of Regents™**

**MEMORANDUM**

November 5, 2020

**TO:** Student Government Association presidents Kristen Kilpatrick, Hunter Heck, Marcus Gonzalez, and Jessica Tom

**CC:** Chairman Chris Huckabee, Chancellor Tedd Mitchell and Presidents Ronnie Hawkins, Jr., Lawrence Schovanec, Richard Lange, and Lori Rice-Spearman

**FROM:** Keino McWhinney, Secretary of the Board & Executive Assistant to the Chancellor

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

During **November 1 to December 31, 2020**, eligible student government associations are to solicit applications for the next **Student Regent** for the Texas Tech University System and the next **Student Representative on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board** (“THECB Student Rep”).

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

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

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

<b>Timeline Element</b>	<b>Student Regent</b>	<b>THECB Student Rep</b>
Eligible SGA’s begin soliciting applicants	November 1, 2020	November 1, 2020
Eligible SGA’s each submit 5 recommended applicants	by January 1, 2021 ... to the Chancellor	by January 1, 2021 ... to the Chancellor
Chancellor forwards at least 2 recommended applicants	by February 1, 2021 ... to the Governor	by February 1, 2021 ... to the Governor
Governor makes appointment by this date (or as soon after as practicable)	by June 1, 2021	by June 1, 2021



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The new appointees then serve a 1-year term that runs from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

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

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

#### **Student Regent**

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

#### **THECB Student Rep**

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

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

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

Thanks.

Attachments