

Student Regent Selection Process and Application

Section 51.355 of the Education Code provides for the annual appointment of one student regent to a university system board of regents, including The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. This statute defines the powers and duties of a student regent, establishes the appointment and application procedure, and provides qualifications to be appointed and to remain a student regent throughout the term.

Powers and Duties

A student regent has the following powers and duties:

A student regent is not a member of the board of regents of the system for which the student regent is appointed. A student regent has the same powers and duties as the members of the board of regents of the system, including the right to attend and participate in meetings of the board of regents, except that the student regent:

(1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make or second any motion before the board; and

(2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of any vote of the board.

Application Procedure and Deadlines

1) The A&M System Office of Academic Affairs is charged with working with each institution in the selection process. Each institution within the A&M System is required to use the applications available at the following links to solicit applicants for the position of student regent.

- [A&M System Application for 2017-2018 Student Regent](#)
 - [\[Guide for Student Regent Application\]](#)
- [Office of the Governor Appointment Application](#)
 - [\[Guide to the Appointment Application\]](#)

2) **October 1**, the Student Government Association of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi "shall solicit applicants for appointment to the next regular term of the position of student regent." This regular term will be from **June 1, 2017** through **May 31, 2018**.

3) **November 2**, applications are due to the Student Government Association and should be delivered to University Center 218M by 5pm. FMI contact 825-5745 or 825-5207.

- 4) **November 7-11**, the Student Government Association of Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi will schedule interviews with all applicants and a) "select up to five applicants as the Student Government's recommendation for the position of student regent;"
- 5) **Week of November 14**, the Student Government Association will forward the recommendations to the Vice President of Student Engagement & Success who will then forward recommendations to the President.
- 6) **No later than December 1**, recommendation will be forwarded to the President of A&M-CC by the Vice President for Student Engagement & Success.
- 7) **No later than December 4**, The President of A&M-CC will forward recommendations to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
- 8) **February 1 or sooner**, the chancellor of the A&M System shall: a) select two or more applicants from those received from each A&M System school and send as the A&M System's "recommendations for the position of student regent;" and b) send the applications of such applicants to the governor.
- 9) The governor will review the applications sent by the A&M System, and may request to review all applications received. Also, the governor may request an applicant to submit additional information.
- 10) **June 1** or "as soon after as practicable, the governor shall appoint one of the applicants to serve as student regent" for the A&M System "for a one-year term expiring on the next May 31."

Qualifications for Appointment and During Term

To be eligible for appointment as student regent, a person must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit in the university system and be in good academic standing as determined by the institution at the time of appointment. The person must remain enrolled at the institution throughout the person's term as a student regent. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to be enrolled in an institution or unit for a summer term if the person was enrolled in the institution or unit for the preceding semester and:

- (1) is registered or preregistered at the institution or unit for the following fall semester;
- (2) if the person has not completed the person's degree program, is eligible to continue the degree program at the institution or unit in the following fall semester; or

(3) if the person completed a degree program in the preceding semester, is admitted to another degree program at the institution or unit for the following fall semester.

Also, the statute provides that: “[t]hroughout a student regent's term, the student regent must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale.” Failure to maintain such qualifications will result in the governor declaring the position vacant and subsequently filling the position.

Reimbursement for Expenses

The statute provides that: “a student regent serves without compensation but is entitled to be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred by the student regent in attending the meetings of the board of regents, subject to the approval of the chairman of the board of regents.”

¹Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 51.355(e) (Vernon Supp. 2007).

²Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(c).

³Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(b), (c).

⁴In the statute, “student government” means the representative student organization directly elected by the student body of a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit.” Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(a).

⁵The student government at Tarleton State University may not **solicit** student regent applicants for the next regular term because the current student regent is enrolled there. *See* Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(f).

⁶Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(d).

⁷Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(d-1).

⁸Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(d-1), (h).

⁹Tex. Educ. Code § 51.355(i).