

27.04 Budget Authorizations, Limitations, and Delegations of Authority

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Policy Statement

The Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) is responsible for the approval of the annual operating budget. Authorizations, limitations, and delegations of authority with respect to the annual operating budget as approved by the board are provided through this policy.

Reason for the Policy

This policy clarifies the budget authorizations, limitations, and delegation of authority specifically provided to the chancellor.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. BUDGET INCREASES

Except as authorized in Section 2 below, an increase to the operating budget from funds not previously appropriated by the board, including general revenue, special mineral fund, available university fund, higher education fund, permanent university fund bond proceeds, and revenue financing system bond proceeds, requires advance approval of the board. Increases of \$300,000 or less may be approved by the chancellor and reported to the board for confirmation at its next regular board meeting.

2. AUTHORIZATION FOR BUDGET AND FISCAL CHANGES

With the approval of the chancellor, or pursuant to delegations of authority by the chancellor, the following changes may be made in the budgets as approved by the board:

- 2.1 Creation of Additional Positions and Increases in Operating Budgets. Funds from vacant positions, from operations and maintenance contingencies, from fund transfers, or from available balances, may be used to create additional positions and to increase operating budgets when it is in the best interest of the system.
- 2.2 Income in Excess of Budget Estimates. Income received in excess of budget estimates from sales and services, federal funds, gifts and grants, and other miscellaneous sources may be allocated to the expenditures of such funds.
- 2.3 Re-appropriation of Balances from Previous Fiscal Year. Balances from previously appropriated funds are re-appropriated for expenditure during the following fiscal year.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF THE AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND (AUF)

The criteria for allocation of the AUF each year to Texas A&M University and Prairie View A&M University shall be based on a just and equitable methodology as recommended by the chancellor through the annual operating budget process. The appropriate share will be determined and applied to the balance of the AUF after funding debt service and support for the System Offices.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Tex. Educ. Code § 51.0051 – Annual Operating Budgets

<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/docs/ED/content/htm/ed.003.00.000051.00.htm#51.0051.00>

System Policy 27.03, *Annual Operating Budget Process*

<http://tamus.edu/offices/policy/policies/pdf/27-03.pdf>

System Regulation 27.04.01, *Chancellor's Delegation of Authority Related to Budgets and Fiscal Changes*

<http://tamus.edu/offices/policy/policies/pdf/27-04-01.pdf>

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