

1. Title

Rule on *Rules and Regulations*

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 The Regents' *Rules and Regulations* are the official repository of policies and procedures established for The University of Texas System by the Board of Regents.

Sec. 2 The Rules are intended to be written such that they do not add administrative burden to compliance and that they provide the proper degree of autonomy to institutions of the U.T. System.

Sec. 3 Each Rule will include the following paragraphs:

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The Rules will be organized as follows:

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| Series 10000: | Board Governance |
| Series 20000: | Administration |
| Series 30000: | Personnel |
| Series 40000: | Academic Issues |
| Series 50000: | Student Issues |
| Series 60000: | Development |
| Series 70000: | Investments |
| Series 80000: | Facilities |
| Series 90000: | Research and Intellectual Property |

- Sec. 4 To ensure that the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* provide the proper degree of autonomy to the U.T. System and its institutions, the following guidelines should be considered when drafting or amending the rules:
- 4.1 The rule should help ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, promote operational efficiencies, enhance the mission, or reduce institutional risks of the U.T. System.
 - 4.2 The rule should establish a governing principle that has Systemwide application rather than specifying operational detail.
 - 4.3 The rule should avoid dictating policy or procedure that could be better determined by an institution.
 - 4.4 The rule should avoid restating a law or regulation.
- Sec. 5 The Rules may be amended by a majority vote of the full Board.
- 5.1 The General Counsel to the Board is authorized to make minor and non-substantive editorial changes to the Rules as necessary to keep the Rules current and correct.
 - 5.2 Every employee has the right to propose changes in the Rules and to present arguments in support thereof.

3. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply throughout the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*:

Board of Regents or Board – the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System

Regents' Rules or Rules – the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*

U.T. System – The University of Texas System, including U.T. System Administration and the U.T. institutions

U.T. System Administration – the system central administration that provides oversight and coordination of the activities of the U.T. System and each institution within the U.T. System

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

None

6. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of the Board of Regents

7. Dates Approved or Amended

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