MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents of University of Texas System Institutions

FROM: Dr. Pedro Reyes, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dr. Raymond S. Greenberg, Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs

SUBJECT: Selection of a Student Regent and a Non-Voting Student Representative to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

In 2005, the 79th Texas Legislature authorized the Governor to appoint a nonvoting student regent for each university or university system. To aid the Governor in his selection, the chancellor of each university system must recommend students based on applications submitted by each president on behalf of the institution’s student government organization. Chancellor Cigarroa has asked that the Office of Academic Affairs work with each institution in the selection process. The application materials to be used by all institutions within The University of Texas System are attached. The packet contains the UT System Application for Student Regent, the Office of the Governor Appointment Application, and a list of required activities.

The 80th Legislature authorized the Governor to appoint a nonvoting student representative to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The THECB provided each university president with the nomination materials on September 19, 2014, but we have also included the THECB nomination packet with this correspondence for reference. The nomination process is the same as that of the student regent selection process, with nominations submitted by the president for the Chancellor’s review before submission to the Governor for consideration.

On or before November 1st of each year, student government bodies shall solicit applicants for the position of student regent and THECB student representative. Up to five applicants for each position chosen by student government from each institution must be forwarded by the president to Dr. Wanda Mercer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, no later than December 12, 2014. All other applications must be sent to the campus president’s office and retained until the student regent and THECB student representative are named. The Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Health Affairs will review and make recommendations to the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall select two or more applicants for each position to send to the Governor no later than February 1st. The Governor may request an applicant to submit additional information before making the appointment on June 1, 2015. The student regent will serve a one-year term expiring on May 31, 2016.

Please note that the deadline set by System for submitting applications for both the student regent position and the THECB student representative position is before the end of the fall semester. This differs slightly from the deadline posted in the THECB materials regarding the
student representative position. The earlier deadline is in place to allow adequate time to review the applications and make recommendations to the Chancellor. The deadline also provides consistency among the two similar application processes.

Before forwarding the five applications for student regent to the UT System for consideration, please have each one certified by the registrar’s office as being “in good standing.” The campus definition of “good standing” should be used. Once appointed, the student regent must remain enrolled at the institution during the full term and maintain a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to continue eligibility.

Attachments

cc: Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa
    Ms. Francie Frederick
    Dr. Wanda Mercer
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