

# **Texas Woman's University Regent Policy**

**Regent Policy Name: Tuition and Fee Policy**

**Regent Policy Number: Regent Policy: B.20040**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Tuition and fees for Texas Woman's University ("University" or "TWU"), including any exemptions or waivers, must be approved and administered in accordance with this policy. This policy adheres to applicable state and federal laws and regulations. This policy provides a description of the approval process regarding tuition and fees, including the authority delegated to TWU's Chancellor and President ("Chancellor").

## **APPLICABILITY**

This policy is applicable to TWU Students and Employees.

## **DEFINITIONS**

1. "Employee" means an individual who is employed part-time, full-time, or in a temporary capacity as faculty, staff, or who is required to be a student as a condition of employment, undergraduate or graduate.
2. "Student" means a person taking courses at TWU, a person who is not currently enrolled in courses but who has a continuing academic relationship with TWU, or a person who has been admitted or readmitted to TWU.

## **POLICY**

### **I. Authority to Set Tuition**

Section 1 Authority to Set Tuition. The Texas Woman's University Board of Regents ("Board") has the authority to and shall set tuition rates for the University in accordance with Texas Education Code §54.008 and other applicable federal and state laws.

Section 2 Tuition and Fee Process. In accordance with Texas Education Code §54.0513, the Chancellor is authorized to hold a public hearing at the University regarding any proposed increase in designated tuition. The hearing will be held prior to submitting the tuition and fee recommendations to the Board. At the meeting at which tuition and fee recommendations are presented, the Board will receive input from the public hearing(s) and the Chancellor, and will then determine the tuition and fees for the ensuing year. This meeting and

the University hearing(s) will constitute the public hearing required by Texas Education Code §54.0513, paragraph (f).

## **II. Authority to Set Fees**

The Board has the authority to and shall set the following fees:

### **Section 1     Student Services Fees**

1.1 After considering recommendations by the Chancellor related to the student fee budget, the Board shall set student services fees for the University as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.503.

a. A student fee advisory committee shall be established at the University in accordance with Texas Education Code §54.5031.

b. As allowed by Texas Education Code §54.5031(g), the student fee committee shall make recommendations to the Chancellor related to the student fee budget and may appear before the Board to address differences in its recommendations and the Chancellor's recommendations.

### **Section 2     Medical Services Fee**

2.1 The Board, considering recommendations of a student fee advisory committee, may charge students a medical services fee as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.5085.

### **Section 3     Student Fitness and Recreation Fee**

3.1 The Board may charge students a student fitness and recreation fee as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.5251.

### **Section 4     International Education Fee**

4.1 The Board may charge students an international education fee as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.5132.

### **Section 5     Student Centers Fee**

5.1 The Board, considering recommendations of a student fee advisory committee, may charge students a student centers fee as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.525.

Section 6     Other Fees and Charges

- 6.1   The Board may charge students other fees and charges as permitted by Chapter 54 and Chapter 55 of the Texas Education Code.

**III.   Delegation of Authority to Set Certain Fees**

The Board has delegated authority to the Chancellor to set the following fees:

Section 1     Laboratory Fees

- 1.1   The Chancellor may set laboratory fees as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.501.

Section 2     Charges and Fees for Certain Payments

- 2.1   The Chancellor may set charges and fees for certain payments as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.5011.

Section 3     General Property Deposits

- 3.1   The Chancellor may charge a general property deposit as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.502.
  - a.   Such funds shall be maintained, invested, and refunded in accordance with Texas Education Code §§54.502-5022.

Section 4     Continuing Education or Self-Supporting Course Fees

- 4.1   The Chancellor may set continuing education or self-supporting course fees as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.545.

Section 5     Elective Non-Academic Charges for Goods or Services

- 5.1   The Chancellor may set elective non-academic charges for goods or services that are not typically required at any point over the course of a student's enrollment at the University.
  - a.   Examples of such charges include those for theater or sporting event tickets, health center goods and services, or elective recreational activities such as intramural sports or personal training.

Section 6     Fees and Other Charges

- 6.1   The Chancellor may set fees and other charges for rentals, rates, and charges for certain occupancy, services, use, and

availability of facilities or services including, but not limited to, student housing room and board rates as permitted by Texas Education Code §55.16.

Section 7     Vehicle, Parking, and Traffic Fees

7.1     The Chancellor may charge fees related to vehicles, parking, and traffic as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.505.

Section 8     Incidental Fees

8.1     The Chancellor may fix the rate of “incidental fees” to be paid by students and prospective students and may make rules for the collection of the fees and distribution of funds as permitted by Texas Education Code §54.504.

**IV.     Delegation of Authority to Prorate Fees**

Authority to Prorate Fees. The Board delegates to the Chancellor authority to prorate the amount of any fee charged to a student under Chapter 54 of the Texas Education Code based on the length of the semester or term for which a student is enrolled.

**V.     Delegation of Authority to Waive Fees**

Authority to Waive Fees. The Board delegates to the Chancellor authority to waive any fee the Board is required to waive or may waive pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Texas Education Code.

**VI.     Delegation of Authority to Collect Fees**

Authority to Collect Fees. The Board delegates to the Chancellor authority to collect the payment of fees in accordance with those methods prescribed or authorized by statute.

**REVIEW**

This policy will remain in effect and published until it is reviewed, updated, or archived. This policy is to be reviewed once every six years. Interim review may be required as a result of updates to federal and state law or regulations, or internal processes or procedures.

**REFERENCES**

[Texas Education Code Chapter 54 – Tuition and Fees](#)

[Texas Education Code Chapter 55 – Financing Permanent Improvements](#)

**FORMS AND TOOLS**

None

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