

Texas Woman's University Regent Policy

Regent Policy Name: Shared Governance Policy

Regent Policy Number: Regent Policy: C.30010

POLICY STATEMENT

Texas Woman's University consists of three (3) geographically separate institutions with distinct but complementary missions. The Board of Regents recognizes the distinct and complementary roles that the Regents, the Chancellor and President, other administrators, the faculty, the staff, and students have in governing TWU.

The Board also recognizes that as higher education changes and evolves, implementation of the principles of shared governance must be set forth in order to continue to evolve.

APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to TWU Students, Faculty, Staff and Guests.

DEFINITIONS

None

POLICY

University Regulation and Procedures – Shared Governance

Adoption of Regulations and Procedures. This policy affirms the Board's commitment to shared governance. The Chancellor and President is authorized to develop specific procedures which shall guide the development of University shared governance practices consistent with University policies and all applicable laws, including but not limited to provision of the Texas Education Code.

Texas Woman's University institutions shall be governed by a principle of shared governance, which refers to a structured decision-making process in which the governing board exercises ultimate authority and responsibility for institutional oversight, financial stewardship, and policy implementation, while allowing for appropriate consultation with faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders on matters related to academic policy and institutional operations. The principle of shared governance may not be construed to diminish the authority of the governing board to make final decisions in the best interest of the institution, students, and taxpayers.

Texas Woman's University administrators must make decisions in a manner that promotes efficiency, accountability, and responsiveness to state priorities, workforce

needs, and the institution's institutional mission. Faculty and staff may provide recommendations on academic matters, but that input is only advisory in nature, ensuring that governing boards and institutional leadership retain clear and ultimate decision-making authority. Shared governance structures may not be used to obstruct, delay, or undermine necessary institutional reforms or serve as a mechanism for advancing ideological or political agendas.

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 Section 51.352

Texas Education Code Section 51.3522

Texas Education Code Section 51.3523

Texas Education Code Section 51.9431

FORMS AND TOOLS

None

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