Policy Statement

This policy provides authority and guidance to The Texas A&M University System (system) members that engage in relationships with affiliated organizations.

Reason for Policy

Relationships between system members and affiliated organizations must be managed in accordance with state and federal law.

Procedures and Responsibilities

AUTHORITY

1. Section 2255.001 of the Texas Government Code requires a state agency (including an institution of higher education) that is authorized by statute to accept money from private donors, or for which a private organization exists that is designed to further the purposes and duties of the agency, to adopt rules governing the relationship between the donor or affiliated organization and the agency and its employees.

2. The chancellor shall establish regulation(s) setting forth rules governing all aspects of conduct of the system members and their employees who engage in a relationship with an affiliated organization or donor, and the regulation must specifically address the following criteria:

   (a) administration and investment of funds received by the affiliated organization for the benefit of the system member;

   (b) use of an employee or property of the system member by the donor or affiliated organization;

   (c) service by an officer or employee of the system member as an officer or director of the affiliated organization; and

   (d) the prohibition of monetary enrichment of an officer or employee of the system member by the donor or affiliated organization.
3. Regulation(s) adopted under this policy may not conflict with, or supersede, a requirement of a statute, system policy or regulation, or system member rule or procedure regulating the conduct of an employee.

**Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

[Tex. Gov’t Code § 2255.001](#)

[Regulation 60.01.01, Association with Affiliated Organizations](#)

**Member Rule Requirements**

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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