Policy Summary

This policy provides each academic institution of The Texas A&M University System (system) with the required review and approval process for the creation or revision of the academic institution’s mission statement and program inventory.

Policy

1. ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS MISSION STATEMENT AND PROGRAM INVENTORY

   1.1 Mission Statement. Each academic institution’s mission statement is a narrative description of the academic institution’s general mission which is prepared by the academic institution and approved by the system Board of Regents (system board). The mission statement addresses the fundamental purpose of the academic institution with respect to its teaching, research and public service responsibility. Each academic institution’s mission statement must be consistent with its program inventory and, if applicable, the academic institution’s statutory mission description.

   1.2 Program Inventory. Each academic institution’s program inventory lists the academic institution’s degree and certificate programs authorized by the system board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (coordinating board).

2. PREPARATION, SYSTEM REVIEW AND APPROVAL

   2.1 Each academic institution reviews the academic institution’s mission statement no less frequently than the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reaffirmation schedule. Each academic institution prepares a request to the system board for approval of a new or revised mission statement or reaffirmation of the mission statement if no changes are required.

   2.2 Each academic institution requests authority to add new degree programs to the program inventory in accordance with System Policy 11.10, Academic Program Requests, through the System Office of Academic Affairs to the chancellor for system review and system board approval.
2.3 Upon approval by the system board, a request to change the academic institution’s mission statement or add a new degree program to the program inventory is submitted by the System Office of Academic Affairs to the coordinating board.

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**Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

- **19 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 5, Subch. B.**
- System Policy 03.01, *System Mission, Vision and Strategic Planning Process*
- System Policy 11.10, *Academic Program Requests*

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**Member Rule Requirements**

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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