33.99.03 Performance Evaluations for Nonfaculty Employees

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Regulation Summary

This regulation establishes the performance evaluation procedure for all nonfaculty employees of The Texas A&M University System (system). However, this regulation does not modify the “at will” status of any system nonfaculty employee.

Regulation

1. GENERAL

1.1 As provided in System Policy 32.02, Discipline and Dismissal of Employees, all nonfaculty positions in the system are “at will,” meaning that any nonfaculty employee may be dismissed from employment with or without cause. Nothing in this regulation will be construed as modifying any nonfaculty employee’s “at will” status.

1.2 Except as provided by System Policies 01.03, Appointing Power and Terms and Conditions of Employment, and 02.01, Board of Regents, the performance of nonfaculty employees of the system, except graduate assistants, student workers and temporary employees, is evaluated each year. Heads of departments and similar units may require more frequent and special evaluations as deemed necessary.

2. The purpose of employee performance evaluations is to communicate the employee’s overall performance during a review period, recognize performance as merited, identify those areas needing improvement, set specific objectives for employees, and provide an opportunity to discuss career goals and the support needed to meet those goals. Performance evaluations also assist department heads and managers in evaluating their work force, identifying employee potential and establishing priorities for training, education, compensation and reward.

3. PROCEDURE

3.1 Each employee is evaluated by the employee’s department or unit head or designee(s). Each member must develop forms and/or electronic systems to be used in employee performance evaluation.
3.2 As part of the performance evaluation process, the department or unit head or designee and employee reviews the position description or equivalent document that includes a list of essential functions of the position as well as the FLSA status. If changes are needed, the department or unit head or designee prepares and submits a new position description. If no changes are needed, the department or unit head or designee indicates on the appropriate form or electronic system that the position description has been reviewed as a part of the performance evaluation process and no changes are needed.

3.3 As part of the evaluation procedure, the department or unit head or designee meets with the employee to ensure that the employee understands the employee’s duties, the performance standards and objectives established and, if necessary, the areas needing improvement. The department or unit head or designee is responsible for meeting with the employee. The employee and department or unit head or designee each sign the evaluation form. In addition, the employee is given the opportunity to provide written comments on the evaluation form.

3.4 Each employee's completed form is kept electronically or in the employee's official personnel record or other appropriate file as designated by the human resources officer.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 01.03, Appointing Power and Terms and Conditions of Employment
System Policy 02.01, Board of Regents
System Policy 32.02, Discipline and Dismissal of Employees

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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