CHAPTER IV. PRESIDENTS OF THE COMPONENTS

1. APPOINTMENT.
Component Presidents are appointed, without fixed term, by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor. The President shall not have tenure as President but may hold tenure as a member of the faculty of the Component.

2. AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

2.1 Authority. The President shall be answerable to the Chancellor and shall have discretionary powers broad enough effectively to administer the Component within the policies and guidelines as set forth by the Chancellor and Board of Regents.

2.2 Delegation of Authority. The President of each Component has the following duties and responsibilities:

2.21 Developing and maintaining efficiency and excellence within the component, including maintenance of appropriate accreditations.
2.22 Making recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on Component matters that require Board approval.
2.23 Carrying out all Chancellor and Board orders affecting the Component.
2.24 Interpreting System policies to the faculty and staff; representing and interpreting the Component’s programs, needs and interests to the Board and the general public.
2.25 Recommending appropriate operating budgets and supervising expenditures under approved budgets.
2.26 Nominating to the Chancellor and Board the appointment, reappointment, promotion, retention, or dismissal of all members of the faculty and administrative officers as defined in Chapter V, subparagraph 1.123.
2.27 Developing and maintaining efficient personnel programs for all employees.
2.28 Managing efficiently Component business affairs and physical property; recommending additions and alterations to the physical plant; and developing long range plans for all component programs and physical facilities.
2.29 Serving as presiding officer at official meetings of Component faculty and staff and as an ex officio member of each college or school faculty.
2.2(10) Appointing campus committees, and appointing or establishing procedures for the appointment of faculty, and staff.
2.2(11) Causing to be prepared and submitted to the System Administration for review the faculty, staff, and student handbooks for the governance of the Component.
2.2(12) Leading private fund development support for the Component in accordance with policies and procedures established in these Rules and Regulations.
2.2(13) Administering all Component contracts, agreements, or purchases as delegated under the System Rules and Regulations.
2.2(14) Power to Suspend. Suspending, without prior notice or hearing, and immediately removing from the campus, any employee or student whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the component, notifying, as soon as possible, the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel of such action. In such cases, the president will set a hearing before the appropriate administrator or committee on the employee’s or student’s case as soon thereafter as is practicable unless otherwise waived by the employee or student.
2.2(15) Campus Police. Employing campus peace officers in conformity with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers and Standards and Texas Education Code, Section 51.203 and recommending their approval to the Chancellor and to the Board.
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2.2(16) Motor Vehicles. Promulgating rules governing operation and use of motor vehicles on component property including vehicle registration fees, fines, and penalties.
2.2(17) Establishing Fees. Establishing the rate of other incidental fees or charges assessed under the authority of Texas Education Code, Chapter 54, including, but not limited to, fees or charges for library fines, microfilming, thesis or doctoral manuscript reproduction or filing, application processing, laboratory breakage, bad checks, schedule changes, late registration, student publication, special courses or programs which are fully paid by privately funded scholarships, and installment payments within the limits set by the Texas Education Code and these Rules and Regulations.
2.2(18) Grants and Contracts. Accepting grants from and contracts with federal, state, and other government agencies and private foundations, advancing funds as necessary to finance such grants and contracts in which the Component will be reimbursed.
2.2(19) Scholarships. Expending any line-item appropriations for “Scholarships” as authorized in the General Appropriations
Act.
2.2(20) Natural Gas. Executing, upon the Chancellor’s approval, all contracts for the purchase and transportation of State-owned natural gas through the program operated by the General Land Office, notwithstanding the contract limits specified in Paragraph I of Chapter III of these Rules and Regulations.

2.2(21) Highest Ranking High School Graduate Scholarships. Issuing scholarships each year to the highest ranking graduate of each accredited high school of this state, exempting the graduates from the payment of tuition during both semesters of the first regular session immediately following their graduation, in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 54.201. This exemption is granted for any one of the first four regular sessions following the individual’s graduation from high school when in the opinion of the Component’s President, the circumstances of an individual case, including military service, merit the action.

2.2(22) General Property Deposit Scholarship. Issuing new and continuing scholarships from the General Property Deposit (GPD) forfeiture scholarships account per Texas Education Code, Section 54.5021. Future annual forfeiture of GPD may be directed to either the GPD forfeiture scholarship account, the GPD forfeiture endowment account, or a combination of the two, as allowed by statute. The President or a designee, is authorized to transfer funds annually from the endowment account to the scholarship account for the awards prescribed in the statute.

2.2(23) Senior Citizens Exemption. Exempting persons age 65 years and over from the payment of tuition for up to six hours per semester or summer term, space permitting, per Texas Education Code, Section 54.210.

2.2(24) Distance Learning Fee Exemption. Waiving certain fees for students enrolled only in distance learning courses or other off-campus courses of each Component, per Texas Education Code, Section 54.218.

2.2(25) Disabled Peace Officer Exemption. Exempting disabled peace officers from tuition and required fees for undergraduate courses for which space is available, provided the student meets all criteria specified in Texas Education Code, Section 54.2041.

2.2(26) Exemptions from Tuition. Exempting qualified students from the payment of tuition and/or required fees as may be authorized by Texas Education Code, Chapter 54.

2.2(27) Component Travel Policy. Establishing a travel policy for each Component’s non-Education and general (E&G) funds to assure that travel expenditures are made in a manner that is uniformly
and consistently applied across all non E&G funds.