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Policy/Guideline Area

Governance, Organization, and General Policies

Applicable Divisions

TCATs, Community Colleges, System Office, Board Members

Purpose

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-7-1002, the purpose of this policy is to protect and maintain the integrity of current prioritization and strategic planning processes established to best use limited state funds for public higher education toward greatest need and opportunity and to ensure prudent fiscal policy.

Policy/Guideline

I. Policy

- A. All legislative proposals or requests for state funding toward public higher education capital projects, maintenance, new academic programs, public service, research activities and engagement opportunities or operational support to be brought before the general assembly shall first be considered and acted upon through established processes and procedures to review such requests; provided, however, that if such consideration or action through established processes and procedures is not possible, than such legislative proposals or requests shall be made with the knowledge of the chancellor and the chief executive officer of the institution for which the proposal or request for state funding is made. The chancellor shall be accountable for ensuring that the established processes for considering and evaluating such requests are followed to the greatest extent possible.

- B. At no time shall an employee of a board of regents member institution, campus or unit advance state legislative funding requests without the knowledge of the chancellor and the chief executive officer of the institution, campus or unit.
- C. In order to maximize the state's ability to strategically plan, execute and maintain the state's public higher education obligations, all legislative proposals or requests for state funding toward public higher education capital projects, maintenance, new academic programs, public service, research activities and engagement opportunities or operational support must be submitted to the TBR Office of Government Relations for consideration for inclusion in the system's proposals to the legislature. Each year, the Office of Government Relations will publish a schedule for making such submittals prior to the opening of the legislative session. Such legislative proposal or requests that arise after the opening of the legislative session shall be submitted to the Office of Government Relations prior to being presented to the general assembly.

Sources

Authority

T.C.A. §§ 49-8-203; 49-7-1002

History

New Policy approved at Board Meeting, December 11, 2014.