

11.02 Creation of Centers and Institutes



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Policy Summary

The creation of a center or institute requires the recommendation of the chancellor and the approval of the Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system). Centers or institutes must be periodically reviewed and may be modified or dissolved in accordance with this policy.

Definitions

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Policy

1. Members are authorized to establish centers and institutes subject to recommendation by the chancellor and approval by the board. The agenda item for approval of a center or institute must disclose the rationale for creating the entity, its impact on the education and training of students, the sources and future expectations of financial support, the governance and advisory structure, and the mechanisms for periodic review, in a format prescribed by the chancellor.
2. While operational responsibility for each center or institute is vested with the academic officer or agency program administrator under whose direction the center or institute functions, the member chief executive officer (CEO) retains overall accountability. Monitoring of the functions of the center or institute must be maintained by the responsible administrative official. All centers and institutes must be periodically reviewed at least every five years. Periodic reviews required by the proposal must be forwarded to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The chancellor will establish a regulation that provides appropriate standards for compliance with this section, including a member's ongoing monitoring and periodic reviews of its approved centers and institutes.

3. Major changes in function, focus or funding sources for centers and institutes must receive prior approval from the responsible member CEO and the chancellor and subsequent approval by the board.

4. All directors of centers must report to a departmental chair, academic dean or other appropriate officer within the designated member, as appropriate. Faculty serving within a center must report to the director.
 5. In the event that a member proposes to dissolve a center or institute, the member CEO must submit a request for dissolution to the chancellor who will either approve or disapprove.
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Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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