

## 29.01.01 Information Resources Governance



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### Regulation Summary

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This regulation supplements System Policy *29.01, Information Resources*, and provides members of The Texas A&M University System (system) with a governance model to oversee responsible administration of system information resources. The system chief information officer (SCIO), in consultation with member chief executive officers (CEO) or their designees, is responsible for ensuring appropriate processes and programs are implemented to safeguard computer systems, networks and data and mitigating risks that may compromise information integrity, availability and confidentiality.

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### Definitions

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#### 1. GENERAL

The SCIO and member chief information officers (CIOs) work together to ensure that information resources expenditures are efficient and serve to improve system services.

#### 2. SCIO APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES

The SCIO must approve member information resources procurements that equal or exceed \$250,000.

#### 3. SYSTEM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) GOVERNANCE AND COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK (FRAMEWORK)

The Framework consists of various councils, including the Executive IT Council and CIO Council, responsible for IT governance and collaboration at the system level, including the objectives outlined in Section 1.3 of System Policy *29.01*.

Each council of the Framework includes representatives from all members. Each council may form sub-committees to conduct research and report findings and recommendations to the council.

### 3.1 Executive IT Council

3.1.1 Purpose. The Executive IT Council is responsible for:

- (a) Approving the system's IT vision;
- (b) Prioritizing system IT initiatives to be funded in the next budget cycle;
- (c) Endorsing IT principles and policies for the system;
- (d) Reviewing IT principles and policies to ensure alignment with federal and state IT regulatory changes;
- (e) Resolving systemwide technology issues;
- (f) Sharing IT best practices among members; and
- (g) Establishing accountability for major IT decisions impacting all members.

3.1.2 Structure.

- (a) The Executive IT Council is comprised of one representative from each member.
- (b) Representatives are selected by the SCIO from the member CEO, chief financial officer, chief academic officer and CIO. Membership is generally balanced between each of these leadership roles.

3.1.3 Operations.

- (a) The SCIO chairs the Executive IT Council.
- (b) The Executive IT Council meets twice per year or as otherwise determined by the SCIO.
- (c) The SCIO solicits agenda items from the Executive IT Council representatives and sets an agenda for each meeting.
- (d) A quorum is two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. A quorum is required to vote.
- (e) A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present for a vote is required to recommend a proposal.
- (f) Each representative has one vote.
- (g) Representatives may vote by proxy.
- (h) Minutes of each meeting are recorded and approved at subsequent meetings or in a manner deemed appropriate by the SCIO.

### 3.2 CIO Council

3.2.1 Purpose. The CIO Council is responsible for:

- (a) Overseeing systemwide IT initiatives;
- (b) Monitoring major IT projects across the system;
- (c) Advising the SCIO on member's IT operational issues;
- (d) Providing guidance on IT purchasing priorities; and
- (e) Identifying and/or validating IT collaboration opportunities among members.

3.2.2 Structure. The CIO Council is comprised of the following representatives:

- (a) Each member's CIO or equivalent;
- (b) RELLIS CIO or equivalent;
- (c) Trans-Texas Digital Network Governance Board Representative;

- (d) Council on Academic Technology and Innovative Education Representative;
- (e) Information Security Council Representative;
- (f) Workday Human Capital Management (HCM) Advisory Council Representative;
- (g) Maestro Steering Committee Representative;
- (h) Financial Systems Council Representative;
- (i) Electronic Information Resource Accessibility Council Representative; and
- (j) Security Operations Center Representative.

### 3.2.3 Operations.

- (a) The SCIO chairs the CIO Council.
- (b) The CIO Council meets three times per year or as determined by the SCIO.
- (c) The SCIO solicits agenda items from the CIO Council representatives and sets an agenda for each meeting.
- (d) A quorum is two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. A quorum is required to vote.
- (e) A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present for a vote is required to recommend a proposal.
- (f) Each representative has one vote.
- (g) Representatives may vote by proxy.
- (h) Minutes of each meeting are recorded and approved at subsequent meetings or in a manner deemed appropriate by the SCIO.

### 3.3 Review of member information resources rules and procedures.

The CIO Council recommends to the SCIO a process for the SCIO to review member information resources rules and procedures in accordance with System Policy 29.01.

## **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9335, \*Acquisition of Goods and Services\*](#)

[Tex. Gov't. Code Ch. 2054, \*Information Resources\*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 202, \*Information Security Standards\*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 206, \*State Websites\*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 211, \*Information Resources Managers\*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 213, \*Electronic and Information Resources\*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 216, \*Project Management Practices\*](#)

[System Policy 10.02, \*Fraud Prevention\*](#)

[System Policy 29.01, \*Information Resources\*](#)

[System Regulation 29.01.02, \*Use of Licensed Software\*](#)

[System Regulation 29.01.03, Information Security](#)

[System Regulation 29.01.04, Accessibility of Electronic and Information Resources](#)

[System Policy 33.04, Use of System Resources](#)

[System Regulation 33.04.02, Use of Telecommunication Services](#)

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## **Member Rule Requirements**

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A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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