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*[see last page for list of amendments adopted]*

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## 04.01

### 04.01.1 Horn Distinguished Professorships and Murray Professorships

- a. The board has established special professorships known as "Horn Distinguished Professorships" named in honor of Paul Whitfield Horn, the first president of TTU and "Murray Professorships" named in honor of Grover Murray, the first president of TTUHSC. "Horn Distinguished Professorships" are granted to TTU professors and "Murray Professorships" are granted to TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso professors.
- b. Horn Distinguished Professorships and Murray Professorships, the highest honors that TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso may bestow on members of their respective faculties, are granted to professors in recognition of their attainment of national or international distinction for outstanding teaching, research, or other creative achievement.
- c. In its operating manuals, each university has specific proce-

Professorship or Murray Professorship. The process by which such a rescission is considered shall include the following:

- (1) A peer-review evaluation may be initiated by the president of the institution, which shall be conducted in accordance with-



for the comprehensive performance evaluation of tenured faculty, and any changes thereto, must be approved by the board.

#### 04.04

- 04.04.1 Public purpose. TTU, ASU, and MSU are publicly supported institutions which are obligated to provide instruction in higher education, to advance knowledge through scholarship and research, and to provide related services to the community, the state and the nation. TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso are publicly supported institutions which were established to provide opportunities for higher education in the health professions and related fields, to advance knowledge through scholarship and research, and to provide related services to the community, the state, and the nation.
- 04.04.2 Responsibilities of the TTU system. As centers for learning, component institutions have the obligation to maintain conditions which are conducive to freedom of inquiry and expression in the maximum degree compatible with the orderly conduct of their functions. The responsibilities of the TTU system dictate, to a major extent, the responsibilities of the individual faculty member. The faculty member is properly concerned with the whole process of education and is aware of the responsibilities of the TTU system in a free society. Responsibility is assumed for performing several essential functions: teaching, research, and service to the schools, to the community as a whole, and to individual members of the community as needed. Component institutions of the TTU system shall not adopt policies or rules allowing for an academic boycott that would deprive students or faculty members of the ability to study or conduct research in or about a foreign country or to interact with its scholars or representatives. Notwithstanding, academic boycotts of a foreign country are allowable if a foreign country is a state sponsor of terrorism, as defined by the U.S. Department of State.
- 04.04.3 Teaching. As a teacher, the faculty member has responsibilities to students, to a discipline, to a profession, and to the TTU system. These responsibilities include facilitating the intellectual and emotional growth of students, encouraging free inquiry in the classroom and clinic, and striving to create and maintain a climate of





by the scholars who are an integral part of the TTU system community.

04.07.2 Faculty expectations. All faculty are encouraged to fulfill their roles as members of a scholarly profession by engag.6 (e)0.9 (s)

date or eliminate any degree or certificate program of a TTU system component institution:

- a. The president and provost of the institution as well as the TTU system vice chancellor for academic affairs shall be notified of the Coordinating Board's recommendation.
- b. The provost of the institution and the TTU system vice chancellor shall review the Coordinating Board's recommendation, and the provost shall make a recommendation to the president of the institution.
- c. The president's recommendation, with the concurrence of the chancellor, shall be presented to the board. The board shall determine if any action is to be taken on the matter and what response is to be submitted to the Coordinating Board.

## 04.10

04.10.1 For purposes of this section:

a. "Low-producing degree program" is defined as:

(1) for bachelor's degree programs, an average of less than five degrees awarded per academic year, to total fewer than 25 degrees awarded during a five-year period;

(2) for master's degrees programs, an average of less than three degrees awarded per academic year, to total fewer than 25 degrees awarded during a five-year period.



- (2) graduate classes with fewer than five graduate students registered; and
  - (3) the primary type of instruction is lecture, laboratory, or seminar.
- 04.10.2 The offering of low-producing degree programs and small classes is a matter of academic and economic concern, and shall be engaged in only when appropriate justification is demonstrated.
- 04.10.3 The provost of each institution shall approve or disapprove the proposed offering of small classes and shall monitor the offerings and provide reports regarding both low-producing degree programs and small classes to the president at the beginning of each semester and to the board at the end of each academic year.
- 04.10.4 When appropriate, the president shall recommend, with the concurrence of the chancellor, that the board approve the consolidation or elimination of low-producing programs.

| <b>Dates Approved or Amended:</b>  |   |
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| -- <i>Comprehensive review of chapter</i> .....08-09-2013  | • amendments throughout   |
| -- <i>Technical adjustment</i> .....10-10-2014   | • to §04.04.1   |
| -- <i>Miscellaneous cleanup revisions</i> .....10-09-2015  | • to §04.11 header and §04.11.3   |
| -- <i>Revised name of Horn Professorships;<br/>added TTUHSC El Paso to Murray<br/>Professorships</i> .....08-06-2020 | • in §04.01.1   |
| -- <i>Deleted section 04.11.3 related to namings</i><br>.....08-05-2021  | • in §04.11.3   |
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| -- <i>Amendments related to academic boycotts</i><br>.....08-10-2023   | • §04.04.2 to add language prohibiting<br>policies or rules allowing for an academic<br>boycott |

See also the document entitled “Comprehensive Reviews and Updates” for a more complete explanation of the amendments listed above.