

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND RISK MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The University of Texas System has statutory authority to purchase insurance or self insure and to administer risk management programs. The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and the Director of the Office of Risk Management have been delegated certain risk management responsibilities and authority from the Board of Regents. A Risk Management Executive Committee provides oversight and advice for programs administered by the Office of Risk Management.

### **It is the Mission of the Office of Risk Management to:**

To protect people, property, the community and the environment and to enhance the well being of students, faculty, and staff through the development and implementation of cost effective, efficient business operations and compliant risk control and risk financing techniques for U.T. System and the fifteen institutions.

### **Statutory Authority:**

- Education Code, Chapter 51 – Authority to Purchase Insurance – Appendix A
- Government Code, Chapter 2259 – Authority to Self-Insure – Appendix B
- Labor Code, Chapter 503 – Workers' Compensation Program – Appendix C

### **Delegated Authority:**

- Board of Regents Rule 80601 – Delegation of Authority to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and the Director of Risk Management to approve the purchase or renewal of insurance policies and claims – certain limits apply – Appendix D
- Board of Regents Rule 30202 – Delegation of Authority to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs for approval of Workers Compensation rates an to the Office of Risk Management for Administrative Responsibilities – Appendix E

### **Risk Management Executive Committee:**

The purpose and responsibility for Risk Management Executive Committee (the Committee) is to provide executive oversight and advice for the management, development and implementation of the risk management programs for the University of Texas System.

The Committee will be comprised of the following Executive Officers:

- Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs (Chair)
- Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
- Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Vice Chancellor and General Counsel

The Committee will be supported by the Director of Risk Management and other System Administration offices including but not limited to:

- The Office of Risk Management
- The Office of the Controller
- The Office of Finance

The Committee will meet quarterly or at the call of the Chair. Meetings will be coordinated with the schedules of the Medical Liability Management Committee when possible.

The responsibilities of the committee include:

- Assess the overall effectiveness of The University of Texas System's risk management processes.
- Assuring The University of Texas System's risk financing strategy balances retention of uninsured risk and those risks underwritten through commercial insurance in a manner consistent with available financial resources and public expectations.
- Emphasizing and enhance Systemwide communication regarding best practices in administering risk management processes and programs.
- Providing guidance on the identification, evaluation, and assessment of the most significant risks and exposures arising out of The University of Texas System's operations in a systematic and on-going basis.
- Providing guidance on the selection and development of the most effective techniques or combination of techniques to control and finance risk.
- Providing guidance on the implementation of realistic and cost-effective loss prevention and control procedures to minimize the frequency and severity of losses.