

MOTION FROM OPEN SESSION
March 27, 2020

I move that the U. T. System Board of Regents authorize the Chancellor to exercise additional authority, as described below, to take or approve actions required for U. T. institutions and U. T. System Administration to assure, to the extent possible, the continuity of all necessary and essential operations, while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of U. T. students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the public served by U.T. institutions, during the nation's response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

This motion specifically includes authority to approve contracts and agreements for necessary purchases and services related to the emergency response; to approve fund transfers within previously approved institutional operating budgets; and to approve modifications to policies such as, but not limited to, those covering academic matters, admissions criteria, and faculty evaluation schedules as necessary to serve and protect students, faculty, and staff. The delegation does not include authorization to allocate or appropriate funds from the Permanent University Fund, the Available University Fund, or the Internal Lending Fund.

I move that this delegation be effective immediately and continue in force until a determination by the Chairman that it is no longer needed and may be terminated.

And, finally, I move that the Chancellor shall consult with the Chairman before the exercise of such additional delegated authority and shall provide periodic written reports to the Board, at times determined in consultation with the Chairman, outlining the actions taken under this delegation of authority.