Assumption of Presidential Responsibility

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Procedure Summary

In the temporary absence of the President, there may be certain decisions, which cannot await the President’s return. Temporary absence means that the President is away from campus and cannot immediately be reached by telephone or other means or it may not be practical to contact the President.

This procedure authorizes those individuals listed below to make decisions on behalf of the University in the event that the President is unable to do so.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1 It shall be the responsibility of the person on campus next in line to assume this authority in the order as listed below:

1.1 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

1.2 Vice President for Finance and Administration

1.3 Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

1.4 Vice President for Enrollment Management

1.5 Vice President for Research & Economic Development

1.6 Vice President for Philanthropy and Engagement

2 It is implied that, whenever practical, the administrator acting with authority in the temporary absence of the President will seek counsel from fellow administrators before reaching a decision and will, as soon as possible, inform the President of the situation and subsequent decision.
3 In the event of the resignation, incapacity, or death of the President, the Office of the President will notify the Chancellor’s Office of The Texas A&M University System. Until an appointment is made, the order of authority described above will apply.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 02.05, Presidents of System Member Universities

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