ENDOWED APPOINTMENTS

Criteria
A candidate must:

1. be eligible for, or hold, the rank of Assistant Professor or higher at the Health Science Center, including prefixed titles at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher;

2. be appointed as either tenured, tenure-track, or non-tenured;

3. have a distinguished record of professional accomplishments; and

4. meet any criteria established by the approved endowment agreement.

Criteria may be modified with the approval of the President as long as it remains consistent with the donor’s intent. Modifications may include eligibility of Part Time Retired Faculty and Part Time Emeritus Faculty.

Process
1. Appointments to endowed or named academic positions are made by the President, and where necessary, following recommendation by the Dean.

2. During an endowed or named academic position appointment process, the President and Dean should be notified if the faculty member being appointed holder is already a holder of another endowed academic position.

3. Appointments to endowed or named academic positions are made for a term of up to five (5) years. After the initial term, appointments may be renewed with the recommendation of the Dean and approval by the President. Such recommendation for appointment will require review of the appointed holder’s performance during the previous five (5) year appointment period to ensure the endowed appointment holder demonstrated compliance with criteria established by the approved endowment agreement and verification that the endowed appointment holder is in compliance with Health Science Center and Board of
Regents endowment policies. Candidates who are not in compliance with endowment policies required by the Health Science Center and the Board of Regents will not be considered for reappointment to hold the endowment.

Holders may appeal a decision not to reappoint. The appeal procedure for a Holder who is not reappointed is through their Dean with final approval by the President.

4. The option of Interim Holder appointment where applicable can be made for a designated time and budget while recruitment efforts continue for a holder. See the *Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP)*, Section 6.10.3, “Establishment and Management of Endowments”.

5. Appointment to an endowed position is separate from the appointment to the faculty. A decision to award tenure to the current or prospective holder of an endowed position affects only the regular faculty appointment; it does not imply a commitment for continuation in the endowed position.

**Appointment Procedures**

With the approval of the Dean, a memorandum to the President should be prepared requesting approval to appoint an individual to an endowed position, and follow the below procedures.

1. Forward a copy of the President’s approved memorandum to the Offices of Institutional Advancement, Human Resources, and Budget and Planning.

2. Contact Human Resources to request a job code for the new endowed title.

3. Prepare the on-line “Position Create/Modify Request Form” via the Document Review System (DRS) to create a new position with the new job code.

4. Watch for the HRMS PeopleSoft e-mail to arrive in the departmental HRMS Mailbox.

5. Forward the HRMS PeopleSoft e-mail approval to BUD Admin
for staff in the Budget and Planning Office to prepare a “Request for Budget Change” (RBC) for approval by the President or his/her designee, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and The University of Texas System Budget Office.

The University of Texas System Budget Office will return the RBC to the Budget and Planning Office. If the item on the RBC is in fact a change to the current Health Science Center operating budget, staff in the Budget and Planning Office will send the approved RBC to the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for inclusion in the next institutional “Docket” for approval by the Board of Regents.

6. Appoint the individual to the endowed position via departmental access to PeopleSoft following approval of the “Docket” by the Board of Regents. The effective date of the appointment must be the same date as the effective date of the RBC.

Fiscal Policies

1. Distributions from the endowment are subject to conditions or restrictions required by the donor(s) and consistent with guidelines approved by the Board of Regents.

2. For endowed chairs and professorships, the respective school will pay from its funds such amounts as are necessary to set the salary of the holder at a level commensurate with his or her record, experience, and position in the faculty. Distributions from the endowment may be used both for salary supplementation and for other professional support of the holder of the endowed position, including assistance in the holder’s research.

Endowment distributions also may be used to pay an appropriate part of the salary of the holder of the endowed position commensurate with an authorized reduced faculty workload when required by other duties of the position or when the holder is on part-time or full-time research leave which is otherwise unfunded. It is provided specifically, however, that, in no event, will endowment distributions be used to supplant any other source of funds used to pay the base salary of the holder of the position when the holder is performing his or her regular
duties. Salary expenditures must comply with University policies.

3. For unfilled endowed chairs and professorships only expenditures related to the recruitment of a holder are acceptable.

4. For endowed fellowships, distributions from the endowment may be used to supplement the salary of the holder of the fellowship, who may be a qualified person of any academic rank irrespective of tenure status, and will also be available for other professional support of the holder. The endowed fellowship will be used to provide temporary support (not to exceed one academic year) of distinguished scholars who are in temporary residence at the institution while participating in planned academic programs; visiting scholars who are in temporary residence at the institution for special academic programs or purposes; institution faculty who have made unique contributions to academic life or to knowledge in their academic discipline; and institution faculty of any academic rank, irrespective of tenure status, who have been selected for teaching excellence through procedures established by the institution. Grants for endowed visiting professorships and endowed teaching fellowships of at least $50,000 already under contractual agreement for the future, bequests included in wills made prior to April 14, 1988, and other prior bona fide arrangements for endowed teaching fellowships and endowed visiting professorships are excepted in this regulation.

Grants for endowed lectureships of at least $20,000 already under contractual agreement for the future, bequests in wills made prior to April 14, 1988, and other prior bona fide arrangements for endowed lectureships are excepted from the minimum amount restriction in this regulation. Salary expenditures must comply with University policies.

5. Signature authority for primary expenditures for an endowed position shall be given to the holder and other appropriate staff ensuring there is an appropriate segregation of duties.
Guidelines for Use of Funds

See the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* (HOP), Section 6.10.1, “Endowments”, for the guidelines for the use of funds.

Training

The “Endowment Management Training” course is just one component of an ongoing program to ensure that the holder complies with the intentions of each endowment. The “Endowment Management Training” course should be completed biennially by the holder. See the HOP, Section 6.10.3 “Establishment and Management of Endowments”.

The responsibility of completing training may not be delegated. Additional individuals who have signature authority or assist with management of the endowment also are required to complete training.

Maintenance of Records

A list of all endowments, including endowed appointments, the purpose, and any restrictions designated by the donor will be maintained by the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Audit

All endowments for academic positions will be subject to periodic audit.