Secretary of General Faculty’s Report
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Higher Education Funding

- $20.5 billion in all funds, a $235 million increase over FY 2016-17 biennium
  - Primarily due to increases to pay for two years of:
    - TRB debt service
    - Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF)
  - $300 million for state mental health hospitals
  - $15.6 million for Governor’s University Research Initiative
  - No changes to higher education budget structure
    - Special items renamed “non-formula support funding”
      - Special items received significant reductions
      - Hold harmless provided to institutions
    - Joint interim legislative study on special items and formula funding

What Did the Legislature Fund?
How Did U.T. System Institutions Fare?

• General Academic Institutions
  – $1.5 billion total appropriation, a $47.1 million (-3.03%) decrease over FY 2016-17 biennium

• Health-related Institutions
  – $1.8 billion total appropriation, a $6.7 million (-0.38%) decrease over FY 2016-17 biennium
  – HRI formula funding was provided for the new medical schools at UT Austin and UTRGV
How Did U.T. System Institutions Fare?

General Academic Institutions

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<th>Institution</th>
<th>2016-17 Biennium</th>
<th>2018-19 Biennium</th>
<th>Biennial Change</th>
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<td>GR Appropriations (All Bills)</td>
<td>TRB Debt Service</td>
<td>GR Appropriations (less TRB)</td>
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<td>The University of Texas at Arlington</td>
<td>215,685,289</td>
<td>(20,248,475)</td>
<td>195,636,814</td>
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<td>The University of Texas at Austin</td>
<td>588,695,287</td>
<td>(33,553,067)</td>
<td>555,142,220</td>
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<td>The University of Texas at Dallas</td>
<td>177,694,540</td>
<td>(12,095,237)</td>
<td>165,599,303</td>
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<td>The University of Texas at El Paso</td>
<td>166,661,226</td>
<td>(20,002,599)</td>
<td>146,678,627</td>
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<td>The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</td>
<td>257,391,915</td>
<td>(30,858,213)</td>
<td>226,533,702</td>
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<td>The University of Texas of the Permian Basin</td>
<td>63,781,827</td>
<td>(20,662,257)</td>
<td>43,119,570</td>
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<td>The University of Texas at San Antonio</td>
<td>194,338,112</td>
<td>(27,884,172)</td>
<td>166,473,400</td>
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<td>The University of Texas at Tyler</td>
<td>69,330,444</td>
<td>(15,099,993)</td>
<td>54,230,451</td>
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<td>Total Academic</td>
<td>1,733,798,640</td>
<td>(180,384,553)</td>
<td>1,553,414,087</td>
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What Else Did the Legislature Accomplish?

• In Regular Session
  – Higher education issues
    • Reporting of campus sexual misconduct
    • Community colleges can issue baccalaureate degrees
    • Greater information on open source textbooks
    • Transparency on student loan debt
    • Expansion of telemedicine and telehealth
What Else Did the Legislature Attempt and Not Do for Higher Education?

- Reform Hazlewood
- Re-regulate tuition
- Repeal In-state tuition for undocumented students
- Increase Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board authority
- Eliminate tuition set-asides
- Change campus carry
- Alter Top 10% law
Key Dates

- March 6, 2018: Primary election
- May 22, 2018: Runoff primary election
- November 6, 2018: General election
- November 12, 2018: Pre-filing for 86th Legislative Session begins
- January 8, 2019: 86th Legislature convenes
- May 27, 2019: 86th Regular Legislative Session adjourns Sine Die
Looking Ahead (Already) to the 86th Session

- State budget prospects for FY 20-21 biennium
  - Estimated $6-8 billion hole to start
  - Continuing pressures on public school finance system
  - Lingering effects of Hurricane Harvey
  - Rainy Day Fund of nearly $11 billion
- What will be UT System priorities?
  - Institution priorities
  - Protect PUF and AUF
  - Obtain adequate and rational funding
  - Protect free speech on campus
  - Protect tuition benefit for DREAMers
  - Maintain Regents’ tuition-setting authority
  - Revisit campus sexual misconduct legislation
Looking Ahead (Already) to the 86th Session

- Re-establish Value of Higher Education
  - Recent Pew Research poll suggests 58% of Republicans believe higher education does not benefit society
  - A Gallup poll conducted in August shows 67% of Republicans have only some or little confidence in higher education

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Since 2015, Republicans’ views of the impact of colleges have turned much more negative

% who say colleges and universities have a ___ effect on the way things are going in the country

- Positive
  - Among Rep/Lean Rep: 58%
  - Among Dem/Lean Dem: 32%
- Negative
  - Among Rep/Lean Rep: 65%
  - Among Dem/Lean Dem: 72%

Across educational groups, Republicans give colleges & universities low ratings

% who say colleges and universities have a positive effect on the way things are going in the country...

- Total: Rep/Lean Rep 36% vs Dem/Lean Dem 72%
- Age groups:
  - 18-29: Rep/Lean Rep 39% vs Dem/Lean Dem 73%
  - 30-49: Rep/Lean Rep 29% vs Dem/Lean Dem 72%
  - 50-64: Rep/Lean Rep 27% vs Dem/Lean Dem 72%
  - 65+: Rep/Lean Rep 27% vs Dem/Lean Dem 72%
- Income levels:
  - Family income:
    - $75,000 or more: Rep/Lean Rep 31% vs Dem/Lean Dem 79%
    - $30,000-$74,999: Rep/Lean Rep 34% vs Dem/Lean Dem 75%
    - Less than $30,000: Rep/Lean Rep 46% vs Dem/Lean Dem 66%

Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.
Pew Research Center
Relocation Expense Reimbursement

• http://www.utsa.edu/financialaffairs/opguidelines/0110.html