Texas Legislators designated 13 holidays for fiscal year 2018-2019. The total number of holidays awarded to state employees fluctuates annually because when typical holidays fall on Saturday or Sunday, they are not observed. Institutions of higher education may rearrange state holidays and establish their own holidays in order to provide more effective work schedules that are consistent with the academic calendar.

*Skeleton work crew days: In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Government Code § 662.004, “a state agency shall have enough employees on duty during a state holiday to conduct the public business of the institution.” **The skeleton work crew requirement excludes days where a federal holiday has been designated on a different day. This year, President’s Day will be observed on Monday, December 31, 2018.**

An employee who serves as a member of a skeleton crew will be granted state compensatory time in lieu of the holiday in accordance to Chapter 4.27, section C. of the Handbook of Operating Procedures “State Compensatory Time”. State compensatory time off must be scheduled within twelve (12) months following the workweek in which the compensatory time was earned with the prior approval of the employee's supervisor.

State compensatory time may also be used to observe an additional religious holiday(s), or state or national holiday that is not officially observed by UTSA. The Texas Legislature has specified Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Cesar Chavez Day and Good Friday as optional holidays. Employees are entitled to observe these holidays provided that they work a skeleton crew holiday, or use accrued and available leave.