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## FACULTY SENATE

Secretary of General Faculty's Report

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# What Did the Legislature Fund?

- 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

# 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

The University of Texas System  
2018-19 General Revenue Appropriations (Excluding Tuition Revenue Bond GR)  
Conference Committee for Senate Bill 1  
(Does Not Include Higher Education Group Insurance Contributions)

Conference Committee SB 1 - 05/25/17

Institution	2016-17 Biennium			2018-19 Biennium			Biennial Change	
	GR Appropriations (All Bills)	TRB Debt Service	GR Appropriations (less TRB)	GR Appropriations	TRB Debt Service	GR Appropriations (less TRB)	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
The University of Texas at Arlington	215,885,289	(20,248,475)	195,636,814	213,964,068	(25,656,574)	188,307,494	(7,329,320)	-3.75%
The University of Texas at Austin	588,695,287	(33,553,067)	555,142,220	596,621,557	(39,357,170)	557,264,387	2,122,167	0.38%
The University of Texas at Dallas	177,694,540	(12,095,237)	165,599,303	178,405,548	(17,514,124)	160,891,424	(4,707,879)	-2.84%
The University of Texas at El Paso	166,681,226	(20,002,599)	146,678,627	166,015,551	(25,415,698)	140,599,853	(6,078,774)	-4.14%
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	257,391,915	(30,858,213)	226,533,702	238,037,122	(36,041,300)	201,995,822	(24,537,880)	-10.83%
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	63,781,827	(20,662,257)	43,119,570	63,117,648	(24,372,714)	38,744,934	(4,374,636)	-10.15%
The University of Texas at San Antonio	194,338,112	(27,864,712)	166,473,400	200,210,617	(33,282,348)	166,928,269	454,869	0.27%
The University of Texas at Tyler	69,330,444	(15,099,993)	54,230,451	71,333,911	(19,739,910)	51,594,001	(2,636,450)	-4.86%
<b>Total Academic</b>	<b>1,733,798,640</b>	<b>(180,384,553)</b>	<b>1,553,414,087</b>	<b>1,727,706,022</b>	<b>(221,379,838)</b>	<b>1,506,326,184</b>	<b>(47,087,903)</b>	<b>-3.03%</b>

# 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 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session begins
- January 8, 2019: 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature convenes
- May 27, 2019: 86<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session adjourns Sine Die

# Looking Ahead (Already) to the 86<sup>th</sup> Session

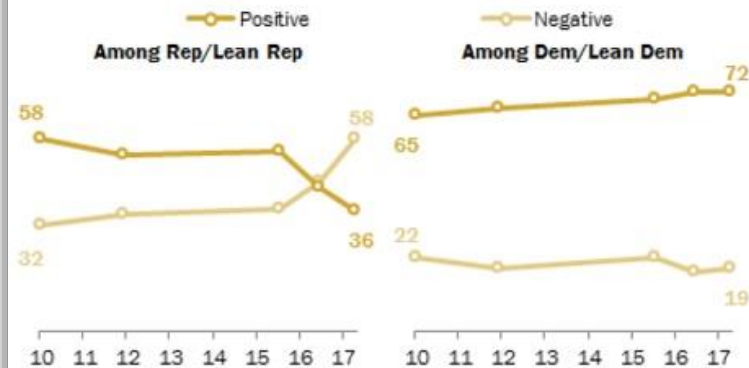
- State budget prospects for FY 20-21 biennium
  - Estimated \$6-8 billion hole to start
  - Continuing pressures on public school finance system
  - Lingering effects of Hurricane Harvey
  - Rainy Day Fund of nearly \$11 billion
- What will be UT System priorities?
  - Institution priorities
  - Protect 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

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- 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

## Since 2010, 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

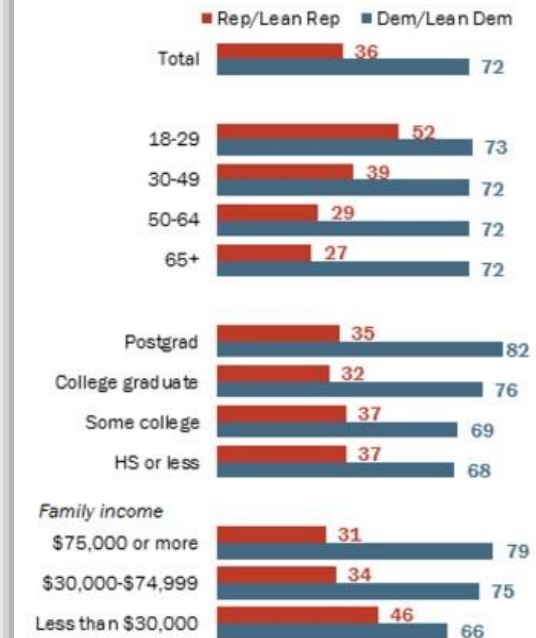


Note: Don't know responses not shown.  
Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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## 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 ...



Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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# Relocation Expense Reimbursement

- <http://www.utsa.edu/financialaffairs/opguidelines/0110.html>