

# Energy Conservation

**Original Implementation:** December 4, 1987

**Last Revision:** July 24, 2018

## Purpose

This policy establishes that the university supports, and is committed to, the statewide energy conservation effort of the Texas governor's office, the General Appropriations Act and Government Code Section 447.004.

## Definitions

**Energy conservation** is achieved by maintaining the efficient operation of all utilities and equipment through the operation of an automated energy management system, replacement of HVAC/Electrical equipment in a timely and cost efficient manner, and a review of building operation, usage, and schedules.

## General

The university's intent is to maintain efficient operation of all utilities and equipment, using appropriate operational schedules. It is the intent of the university to serve its academic and auxiliary needs with cooling and heating requirements based on approved operational schedules. The automation system is programmed to help achieve operational efficiency, and any system programming that changes system automation during normal operating periods must be approved by the director of the physical plant prior to changes being made.

The Physical Plant Department will coordinate all local utility power shortage problems with the local energy supplier. Institutional issues that arise from utility outages will be coordinated by the physical plant through the vice president for finance and administration.

Outside groups or individuals that use university facilities may be charged a utility usage fee to cover additional utility expenses. The amount of the fee will be determined by the Physical Plant Department and approved by the vice president for finance and administration.

**Cross Reference:** General Appropriations Act; Tex. Gov't Code § 447.004

**Responsible for Implementation:** Vice President for Finance and Administration

**Contact for Revision:** Director of Physical Plant

**Forms:** None

**Board Committee Assignment:** Building and Grounds