

## Energy Conservation

**Original Implementation:** December 4, 1987

**Last Revision:** July 28, 2015

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.

The university has and will continue to maintain the most efficient operation of all utilities and equipment by 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.

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 meet needs and any significant requirements not included in normal operations 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