

Expenditure of Higher Education Funds

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Purpose

This policy establishes guidelines covering the allocation, management, budgeting, expenditures, and related restrictions for the appropriate use of Higher Education Funds (HEF) appropriated to Stephen F. Austin State University. These guidelines apply to use of HEF funds by departments of the university.

Definition

Higher Education Fund (HEF) - permanent capital funding provided under Article VII, Section 17, of the Texas Constitution. These funds are General Revenue funds that must reside in and be expended from the State Treasury.

General

An annual appropriation of funds under the Texas Constitution to eligible institutions of higher education is determined by the Texas Legislative Budget Board (LBB) for 10-year periods and subject to review and revision at the end of each five years.

The HEF expenditure budgets are determined along with the annual operating budget process and approved by the board of regents annually. Changes to the HEF expenditure budgets are governed by SFASU Policy 1.4, Items Requiring Board of Regents Approval, and are presented to the board of regents at each quarterly meeting.

The university will establish Higher Education Fund (HEF) Guidelines that articulate the purposes for which HEF can be expended, define expenditure categories with indications of HEF eligibility, list examples of HEF eligible expenditures, and explain other restrictions related to the use of these funds.

Cross Reference: [Tex. Const. Art. VII, §17](#); Items Requiring Board of Regents Approval (1.4); Annual Budget Preparation (3.2)

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