

## SYSTEM REGULATION

### **02.04.02 Prairie View A&M University - Legal Basis and Administrative Structure**

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#### 1. LEGAL BASIS

The legal basis presented below for Prairie View A&M University is for use in grant applications, contracts, and other purposes requiring the citation of legal authority. It may be necessary in some instances to supplement this general legal description by referencing statutes which provide specific authority to engage in a particular activity.

- 1.1 Prairie View A&M University is a coeducational State institution of higher education located at Prairie View in Waller County, Texas Education Code, Sec. 87.101. It is a general academic teaching institution of The Texas A&M University System and is under the supervision and control of the Board of Regents of that System, Texas Education Code, Sec. 87.102.
- 1.2 Prairie View A&M University as it is now known originated and evolved to its present status under the following statutes:
  - 1.2.1 The 15th Legislature by Act of August 14, 1876, provided for an Agricultural and Mechanical College for the benefit of colored youths, which was placed under the supervision of the Agricultural and Mechanical College established at Bryan in 1871, 8 Gammel's Laws of Texas, Pg. 972.
  - 1.2.2 The 16th Legislature in 1879 passed an Act authorizing establishment of a school at Prairie View, making it a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and placing it under the control of the Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, 8 Gammel's Laws of Texas, Pg. 1481.
  - 1.2.3 In 1947 the 50<sup>th</sup> Legislature, in order, "to provide instruction, training, and higher education for colored people," established a university of the first class in two divisions. One of the divisions was styled "The Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas" to remain under the control and supervision of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. It was provided that courses should be offered at Prairie View in "agriculture, the mechanic arts, engineering, and the natural sciences connected therewith, together with any other courses authorized" to be offered there at the time of the passage of the Act, all of which should be

equivalent to those offered at The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Acts of the 50th Legislature, Ch. 29, Pg. 36.

- 1.2.4 The name of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas was changed to Prairie View A&M University effective August 27, 1973, Acts 1973, 63rd Legislature, Ch. 249, Pg. 580.
- 1.2.5 In 2001 the Texas Education Code was amended to define the purpose of the University as follows: "In addition to its designation as a statewide general purpose institution of higher education and its designation as a land-grant institution, Prairie View A&M University is designated as a statewide special purpose institution of higher education for instruction, research, and public service programs dedicated to: (1) enabling students of diverse economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds to realize their full potential; (2) assisting small and medium-sized communities to achieve their optimal growth and development; and (3) assisting small and medium-sized agricultural, business, and industrial enterprises to manage their growth and development effectively," Texas Education Code, Sec. 87.104.

## 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

A current organizational chart for Prairie View A&M University is on file in the Office of the Chancellor.

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