3.13.4.b

Policy Compliance: Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports

Applicable Policy Statement: If an institution is part of a system or corporate structure, a description of the system operation (or corporate structure) is submitted as part of the Compliance Certification for the decennial review. The description should be designed to help members of the peer review committees understand the mission, governance, and operating procedures of the system and the individual institution's role within that system.

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Angelo State University complies with the Commission's policy on "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports."

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OPERATION

ASU is a component institution of the Texas Tech University System (TTU System) and is accredited separately. The TTU System was created in 1996 and originally comprised Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TEC§109.001). In 2007, ASU became the newest member of the TTU System, as codified in the Texas Education Code (TEC §109A.001). As of spring 2012, the TTU System is composed of Texas Tech University, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Angelo State University. Overall, the TTU System member institutions had a total enrollment in fall 2011 of 43,505 students and a combined faculty and staff of 16,092.

The mission of the TTU System is to "provide leadership and support services for Texas Tech University, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Angelo State University in the attainment of each component's individual mission." A primary function of the TTU System Offices is to provide "central management and coordination of certain aspects of the system," including "managing certain funds and endowments, carrying out the Board of Regents' rules and policies, managing the campus master plan..., collaborating with the Board of Regents on strategic planning, and serving as consultants to TTU, TTUHSC, and ASU on a variety of issues" (About the System web page).

ASU is governed by the nine-member Board of Regents of the TTU System, the legal body with specific authority over ASU. The governor of the State of Texas appoints the regents to six-year terms. In addition, a student regent is appointed by the governor to serve a one-year term as a non-voting member of the board. The Texas Legislature has delegated to the Board of Regents the power and authority to govern, control, and direct the policies of the TTU System and its component institutions (TEC §109.21; TEC §51.352). The legal authority and powers of the Board of Regents are also defined in the board's

bylaws, which are published as Chapter 1 of *The Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System* (Chapter 1, *Regents' Rules*; see also Core Requirement 2.2, Governing board).

The Board of Regents is responsible for naming a chancellor to carry out the policies of the TTU System as determined by the regents. The major duties of the chancellor are outlined in chapter two of the *Regent's Rules*, which state "The chancellor is responsible for the management and operation of the TTU System administration and component institutions under the direction of the board. The chancellor is the chief executive officer of the TTU System. The chancellor reports to and is responsible to the board. The chancellor has direct responsibility for all aspects of TTU System operations" (Section 02.01, *Regents' Rules*).

Each of the TTU System member institutions is led by a president who serves as the chief executive officer of the respective institution. These presidents are appointed by the chancellor with the prior approval of the board (Section 02.03.1, *Regents' Rules*). The Chief Executive Officer of Angelo State University is the president, who reports to and is responsible to the chancellor (Section 02.04.1, *Regents' Rules*). This administrative reporting structure is illustrated in the ASU Organization Chart (see also Core Requirement 2.3, Chief executive officer). Each TTU System member has its own set of operating policies and procedures, which are unique to the institution and subordinate to the *Regents' Rules* (Section 02.04.2.i, *Regents' Rules*).

Angelo State University's history began in 1928 with the founding of San Angelo Junior College. Through the long-term efforts of members of the San Angelo community, San Angelo Junior College became Angelo State College by an act of 58th Session of the Texas Legislature in 1963, opening its doors as a four-year institution in 1965. Angelo State College was originally part of the State Senior Colleges, which later became the Texas State University System. The name was changed to Angelo State University in May of 1969. On September 1, 2007, ASU became a member of the Texas Tech University System (TEC §109A.001). During its history, it has grown from a junior college with an initial enrollment of 112 to a regional comprehensive university serving over 7,000 students and granting master's level degrees and one doctorate (see Core Requirement 2.1, Degree-granting authority).