Sec. 54.5031. STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) A student fee advisory committee is established at each institution of higher education except The University of Texas at Austin and the institutions of The Texas A&M University System to advise the governing board and administration of the institution on the type, amount, and expenditure of compulsory fees for student services under Section 54.503 of this code.

(b) Each committee is composed of the following nine members:

(1) five student members who are enrolled for not less than six semester credit hours at the institution and who are representative of all students enrolled at the institution, selected under Subsection (c) of this section; and

(2) four members who are representative of the entire institution, appointed by the president of the institution.

(c) If the institution has a student government, the student government shall appoint three students to serve two-year terms on the committee and two students to serve one-year terms on the committee. If the institution does not have a student government, the students enrolled at the institution shall elect three students to serve two-year terms on the committee and two students to serve one-year terms on the committee. A candidate for a position on the committee must designate whether the position is for a one-year or two-year term.

(d) A student member of the committee who withdraws from the institution must resign from the committee.

(e) A vacancy in an appointive position on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment. A vacancy in an elective position on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the president of the institution.

(f) The committee shall:

(1) study the type, amount, and expenditure of a compulsory fee under Section 54.503 of this code; and

(2) meet with appropriate administrators of the institution, submit a written report on the study under Subdivision (1) of this subsection, and recommend the type, amount, and expenditure of a compulsory fee to be charged for the next academic year.

(g) Before recommending the student fee budget to the governing board of the institution, the president of the institution shall consider the report and recommendations of the committee. If the president's recommendations to the
A student fee advisory committee is established at each component institution of The Texas A&M University System to advise the board of regents and the administration of the institution on the type, amount, and expenditure of compulsory fees for student services under Section 54.503, for student health and medical services under Section 54.507, for student center facilities under Section 54.521, and for recreational sports under Section 54.539.

(b) Each committee is composed of the following nine members:

(1) five student members who are enrolled for not less than six semester credit hours at the institution and who are representative of all students enrolled at the institution, selected under Subsection (c); and

(2) four members who are representative of the entire institution, appointed by the president of the institution.

(c) If the institution has a student government, the student government shall appoint three students to serve two-year terms on the committee and two students to serve one-year terms on the committee. If the institution does not have a student government, the students enrolled at the institution shall elect three students to serve two-year terms on the committee and two students to serve one-year terms on the committee. A candidate for a position on the committee must designate whether the position is for a one-year or two-year term.

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(e) A vacancy in an appointive position on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment. A vacancy in an elective position on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the president of the institution.

(f) The committee shall:

(1) study the type, amount, and expenditure of the compulsory fees imposed under Sections 54.503, 54.507, 54.521, and 54.539; and

(2) meet with appropriate administrators of the institution, submit a written report on the study under Subdivision (1), and recommend the type, amount, and expenditure of the compulsory fees to be charged for the next academic year.

(g) Before recommending the student fee budget to the board of regents each year, the president of the institution shall consider the report and recommendations of the committee. If the president's recommendations to the board of regents are substantially different from the committee's recommendations to the president, the president of the institution shall notify the committee not later than the last date on which the committee may request an appearance at the meeting of the board of regents at which the student fee budget will be considered. On request of a member of the committee, the president of the institution shall provide the member with a written report of the president's recommendations to the board of regents.

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Added by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1425 (S.B. 1495), Sec. 2, eff. June 15, 2007.

Sec. 54.5033. STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC. (a) A student fee advisory committee established under this chapter shall conduct meetings at which a quorum is present in a manner that is open to the public and in accordance with procedures prescribed by the president of the institution.

(b) The procedures prescribed by the president must:

(1) provide for notice of the date, hour, place, and subject of the meeting at least 72 hours before the meeting is convened; and
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(2) require that the notice be:

(A) posted on the Internet; and

(B) published in a student newspaper of the institution, if an issue of the newspaper is published between the time of the Internet posting and the time of the meeting.

(c) The final recommendations made by a student fee advisory committee must be recorded and made public.

Added by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1049 (S.B. 5), Sec. 7.01, eff. June 17, 2011.