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**Provost and Executive Vice President**

### **Dear Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students,**

This has been a difficult week for Texans everywhere. For some of us, the impacts of the flooding are deeply personal but for all of us they are deeply felt, and we stand together always. I'm grateful for the way our university, The Texas A&M University System and the people who comprise our institution have stepped in and up to support the response and recovery efforts taking place or added expertise

through media for the general public to understand a weather event like this. From students to faculty and staff who are helping, thank you, and for those who are hurting, we're here for you. As President Welsh emphasized earlier this week, we have a variety of **support resources** available; please use them.

My updates are limited this week. First, I want to provide some clarity around the **U.S. House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1), also known as the "The One Big Beautiful Bill,"** as we have received several questions since its passage and signature on July 4. It's important to understand that this bill is separate from the appropriations process that is ongoing.

While largely a tax bill, H.R. 1 included a few measures that impact higher education, such as changes to the endowment tax (limited to private institutions with enrollments over 3,000 students), student loan repayment processes and programs, Pell grant access and changes related to low-performing degree programs. This bill does not determine program or research-related funding for agencies such as the National Science Foundation or National Institutes of Health. Those funding directives are made through the appropriations process, which is underway in both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and will continue to play out over the next several months.

Our Government Relations team is monitoring all of this legislation closely and is actively engaged with lawmakers and their staff. We anticipate that the soon-to-be-released appropriations bills in the House, which fund some of our key federal agency partners, will closely align with President Trump's proposed budget released in May. Early indications on funding levels from the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies are more encouraging than those we anticipate from the House. As in all appropriations processes, those measures will go through changes as they move through Congress. To learn more, you can find a brief guide to the federal budget and appropriations process on the **American Council on Education's (ACE) website**. We are collaborating with ACE, as well as the Association of Public and Land-grant

Universities and the Association of American Universities to ensure lawmakers understand the impacts of research funding and will provide you with updates regarding any significant developments.

Secondly, you may recall that on June 4, 2025, a federal court order invalidated the portion of an existing Texas law that allows students who do not have a valid immigration status to pay in-state tuition at universities if they otherwise met the eligibility requirements of the statute. The court's order requires that the university take steps to ensure only individuals who are lawfully present in the United States and who meet the residency criteria of Texas Education Code 54.051(m) and 54.052(a) are eligible for in-state tuition. Based on guidance from the Texas A&M System and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, we are fully implementing the requirements of the court's order for students beginning this fall.

We are in direct contact with the potentially affected students who need to provide new documentation to confirm their eligibility for an in-state tuition rate or begin paying a non-resident tuition rate. If you receive inquiries from students, please direct them toward **Aggie One Stop**, as the team there can best help them.

Finally, earlier today, the Joint Associations Group (JAG) on Indirect Costs, composed of various higher education organizations, **released their recommendation** for an "updated, more efficient, transparent research funding model." You will recall that we provided input to their models alongside many other institutions. With the recommendation now finalized, university leadership will be gathering more information during a JAG town hall next week about the new Financial Accountability in Research (FAIR) Model. We will remain engaged with legislators as this moves forward to support appropriate facilities and administrative funding for our research endeavors.

We will continue to keep you updated on any changing guidelines, practices and policies of the federal and state governments, as well as how these changes may impact our university. You can always find the latest information on the **federal**

**policy updates webpage** and researchers may continue to access **guidance for Principal Investigators** through the Division of Research. If you have questions, concerns or would like to request a visit from a leadership team member, we are available to share information and answer questions. Please reach out to my office at **provost@tamu.edu**.

Thank you,

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