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Provost and Executive Vice President

Dear Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students,

The great work you do across this university every day is a testament to the power of the Aggie Spirit, and we are working to ensure that your contributions are communicated to decision-makers at all levels of government. While I know summer can feel like a slower time with fewer students on our campuses, we never really

slow down. However, I hope, as you're able, you take some time away with family and friends to recharge.

With the conclusion of the 89th Texas Legislative Session earlier this week, there are nearly 1,200 bills headed to the Governor's desk where he has 20 days (until June 22) to take action on them. The Governor can sign them (making them law), veto them (issuing a proclamation on his reasoning) or not sign them, which automatically makes them law after the 20-day period ends. Our Government Relations team will be providing a comprehensive update later this summer to share the results of the session and next steps.

In addition to the conclusion of the state session, we are aware of and evaluating several additional federal actions this week.

Court Decision on In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students

On June 4, Texas settled a court case with the U.S. Department of Justice regarding a state law that permitted undocumented students to receive in-state tuition rates. The judge **ruled** in a U.S. District Court that the law violated the Supremacy Clause and ordered that the state is now prevented from enforcing this section of the Texas Education Code. We are working with The Texas A&M University System as they coordinate administrators from across the System to gather information needed to develop an appropriate plan to implement the requirements of the order.

President Issues Proclamation Regarding Entry and Visa Restrictions

On June 4, President Trump issued a proclamation titled, "**Restricting the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats**," which bans entry to the U.S. for citizens from 12 countries and increases visa restrictions for citizens from another seven countries. We are ensuring international scholars and students are aware and have access to accurate information. Please refer any international students and scholars with questions to the International Student and Scholar

Services (ISSS) office at iss@tamu.edu, and faculty and staff can reach out to **Immigration Affairs**. I want to thank our ISSS team for their continued support of our students.

President Releases Additional Details on FY26 Federal Budget Request

On May 30, President Trump issued his administration's "**Technical Supplement to the 2026 Budget Appendix**" via the Office of Management and Budget. This document builds on the previous "skinny budget" that was released on May 2, providing Congress additional detail about the administration's federal spending priorities. Congress takes this into account when developing budget resolutions in their respective chambers, which they reconcile in conference before building appropriations bills, but it is important to note that this is simply a starting point. The conversation over FY26 appropriations will play out over the course of the next four to six months, and the government relations team will continue to be engaged in these conversations. If you have specific concerns about certain areas of the budget, I encourage you to reach out to **Michael Hardy**, Deputy Chief Government Relations Officer and Director of Federal Relations to voice any concerns. Also, I want to reiterate the research and work you do here changes lives around the world, and we recognize your personal and professional commitment and investment to that work. We know this uncertainty can be difficult, and we are working with Faculty Affairs to ensure you have the necessary support. At the same time, we continue to engage policymakers and their staff to emphasize the critical importance of your work and the vital role our university plays in contributing to national priorities.

Update on Joint Association Working Group (JAG) on Facilities and Administrative Rate

As I mentioned previously, earlier this year, several higher education associations joined together to form a working group on a potential new F&A rate model that would be acceptable to both universities and the federal government. That group, which consists of a broad spectrum of university administrators, researchers, financial administrators, research foundations, former government officials and the private sector has worked tirelessly throughout the spring and early summer. They

continue to make progress, using our recent feedback on some key questions, as well as that of other universities. It is possible that we will begin to see some of that initial work next week and be encouraged to provide feedback before it is ultimately sent to Congress before the end of the month. Our Government Relations team and I understand the critical importance of this topic and will continue to aggressively and proactively be engaged in these conversations.

We will continue to keep you apprised of any changing guidelines, practices and policies of the federal and state governments, as well as how these shifts 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,

Alan

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