**Procedure Summary**

This procedure identifies delegation of responsibility for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s buildings, grounds, and other improvements.

**Procedure**

1. Buildings, grounds, and other improvements in the possession of the university are managed in accordance with state law, appropriate system policies and regulations, and university rules and procedures. The President has delegated the responsibility for the custody, care, maintenance, and safekeeping of buildings and other improvements to the officers listed below. For information on the use of university buildings by outside groups, see university procedure 41.01.01.01, Use of University Facilities.

2. Information concerning real estate or acquisition involving real property must be coordinated through the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

3. Space utilization studies and inventories of physical space will be conducted and reports prepared as required, and to the extent deemed necessary, to ensure optimum usage of buildings and other facilities. The Office of Planning and Institutional Research and the Associate Vice President for Operations will be responsible for coordination of these requirements.

4. The Associate Vice President for Operations is responsible for the management of vendor contracts for maintenance, grounds, custodial services, and other real property and real property installed equipment improvements. These responsibilities include:

   (a) Maintaining and updating the Campus Master Plan and coordination of facilities planning of all buildings and other improvements;

   (b) Construction, modification, or rehabilitation of buildings, grounds, or other improvements (i.e., utility systems, parking lots, and other infrastructure) on the campus, including material component selections and the building access system; and
(c) Implementing and overseeing the campus energy conservation program.

4.1. Written approval from the Associate Vice President for Operations must be obtained prior to any construction, modification, major repair, or renovation project for any building, grounds and/or landscape area, or other improvements regardless of funding source or personnel utilized for the project. This is done through a Facilities Modification Request (FMR) or an Information Technology Modification Request (ITMR), depending on the scope of the work.

4.2. Maintenance, custodial, and other services will be performed by the university’s contracted vendor in order to maintain buildings to provide a safe and clean environment. The Associate Vice President for Operations will issue written instructions for any custodial services, minor maintenance, or other types of services to be furnished by outside agencies or firms.

5. Employees using university property or having university property under their control shall take appropriate measures to ensure its upkeep and safekeeping. Any employee who, through willful act or failure to exercise reasonable care, causes or permits buildings or other facilities to deteriorate, be damaged, or be destroyed may be liable for the loss sustained. While the University Police Department personnel are responsible for the overall security and protection of the university’s property, the primary responsibility for building safety and security during working hours rests with the building occupants.

6. The Environmental, Health & Safety Office through coordination with Facility Services shall administer the fire prevention program for buildings and facilities under the ultimate direction of the State Fire Marshal through regular routine system review.

7. Vendors must meet or exceed university and system mandated training procedures for operation of equipment, chemical use and treatment, safety in all areas of operation. Vendors are also responsible for being aware of and applying Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) Leadership in Educational Facilities cleaning standards, fire and life safety standards, and the proper maintenance and inspections of equipment and vehicles. Training records for all vendor’s employees must be available to the university and system through a written request by the Associate Vice President for Operations.

**Related Statutes, Policies or Requirements**

System Policy 41.01, Real Property
System Regulation 41.01.01, Real Property
University Procedure 41.01.01.C0.01, Use of University Facilities
University Procedure 41.01.01.C0.02, Building Access and Key Control

This procedure supersedes:
- 41.05.02.C1, Management of Buildings, Grounds and Other Improvements
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