

Rissa McGuire – Biography

Rissa McGuire, PhD, has served as executive director of the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors since 2005. The Council’s membership consists of the 53 public university presidents, health-institution presidents, and university system chancellors. Established over 20 years ago, the Council’s mission is to provide a forum for discussing and responding to the mutual needs, concerns and issues facing public universities in Texas.

Rissa’s primary responsibilities include informing the presidents and chancellors of a variety of higher education initiatives, including those of the state legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. She has coordinated “Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol” for the previous five legislative sessions, directed the preparation of economic impact studies for the state’s public institutions of higher education, and is currently addressing collaborative opportunities with Texas employers to encourage their employees to pursue higher education. Priority issues include promoting the value of public higher education, efficient course transfer and teacher education.