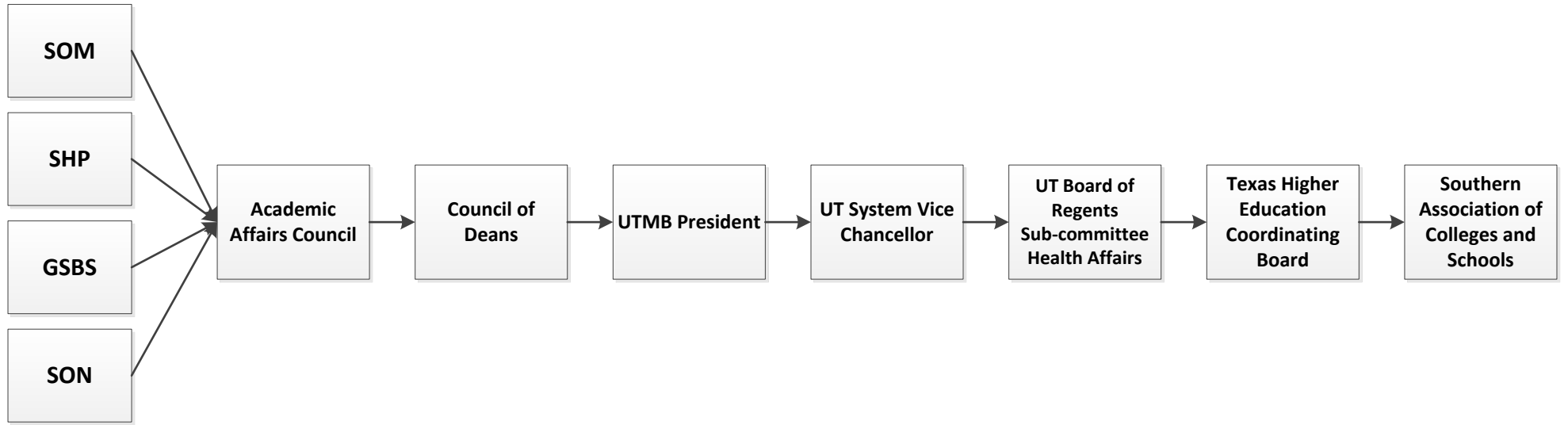


UTMB Approval Process for New Educational Programs



New programs are initiated at the faculty/program level in the four UTMB schools.

Each school has a review process specific to its academic mission, which includes faculty vote.

Following faculty approval, the new program, or one which is being substantively changed, is then sent to the Council of Deans with a request for review and approval.

The Academic Affairs Deans Council (AAC) reviews and makes recommendations to the Council of Deans.

Review by the AAC includes consultation with the Office of the UTMB Registrar concerning aspects of program review which may fall in the purview of the Registrar's responsibilities.

The Council of Deans reviews and makes recommendations to the UTMB President

UTMB President approves the program and, if deemed appropriate, forwards to UT System Executive Vice Chancellor.

UT System Executive Vice Chancellor reviews and forwards to UT Board of Regents sub-committee for Health Systems.

After review, the UT Board of Regents forwards the program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval.

The Texas Higher Education Coordination Board approves the new programs based on academic merit and overall feasibility.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC) requires notification and prior approval. Timeline depends on type of change (range: 6-12) months prior to implementation).