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Please be aware that stand-alone emergency room facilities may not have in-network, negotiated rates for United HealthSelect. Although HealthSelect pays 80% of charges, participants may still owe a \$150 co-pay plus 20% of charges that do not have a reduced, negotiated rate. Find a list of in-network facilities, including emergency rooms and urgent care clinics, on the <u>HealthSelect</u> website; select the provider/facility search.

Please watch for the Faculty Senate Committee Preference Survey arriving in your email this month. Please return it to indicate your preferences for service on senate and other university committees, a vital component of shared governance. Responses to this survey are used in filling vacancies annually and as they arise. You can find descriptions for Senate Committees as well as lists of current members and their terms of service on the <u>Senate</u> website.

Senate has approved the formation of a new senate committee on Academic Freedom that will be included on the committee preference survey this month. A working group is currently meeting to establish the committee's scope and functions.

You will soon receive a link to the Dean Perception Survey from Institutional Research. Don't forget to provide feedback on this survey before its due date arrives. Please also remember to complete the Department Chair and School Director Perception survey for which reminders have been sent.

Congratulations to now former College of Science and Engineering Senator Vedaraman Sriraman, who has been appointed Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs!

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate <u>minutes</u> posted on the Faculty Senate <u>website</u>, or by contacting your Faculty <u>Senator</u> or Senate <u>Liaison</u>. The Faculty Senate encourages you to voice your concerns and comments on any faculty and shared governance topics to these representatives or directly to the senate via email: <u>FacultySenate@txstate.edu</u>.

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