



# Faculty Senate Bulletin

## Summer 2022

*"We all learn by experience, but some of us have to go to summerschool" - Peter De Vries*

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## **2021-2022 Faculty Senate Accomplishments**

### **The 63rd Faculty Senate accomplishments FY 2021-2022**

- Reviewed and endorsed awards related to the following peer review processes: Research Enhancement Grants, Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release, University Lecturers Series,

Part-Time Faculty Teaching Awards, and the Piper Professor and Everette Swinney Teaching Awards.

- Reviewed and suggested revisions to 127 Academic Affairs and University Policy and Procedure statements
- Served as impartial observers in Chair and Director reviews and chaired committees conducting Academic Dean summative reviews.
- Reviewed and recommended 60 Faculty Development Leave applications.
- Senate Fellow Sarah Angulo's 2021-2022 project "Building a mentoring program for nontenure line faculty – One department's journey and where to go from here" included gathering quantitative and qualitative data from surveying all nontenure line faculty about their goals for a mentorship program, and then creating and implementing a collaborative mentorship program for nontenure line faculty in the Psychology Department.
- Sponsored Dr. Sirry Alang, Associate Professor of Sociology and Health, Medicine and Society at Lehigh University, who presented "Who Fixes Broken Systems? Undoing Legacies of Exclusion in Colleges and Universities" on Zoom on February 15, 2022, moderated by Ben Martin, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry. Attendees were Texas State faculty, staff and students, as well as faculty from TSUS member universities and other Texas universities.
- Sponsored Dr. Alang for a Zoom session with the full senate on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 to discuss strategic opportunities to address equity and inclusion. Institutional Inclusive Excellence staff and Faculty of Color were also in attendance.
- At the recommendation of the Retirement and Benefit Programs Committee, the senate asked that all retirees have full access to Microsoft 365 Desktop A1 license at no cost to them, departments or colleges.
- Recommended more robust information campaign regarding Faculty Ombudsperson.



## Academic Freedom Corner

The Faculty Senate's Academic Freedom Committee would like to thank everyone who filled out the survey on Academic Freedom during the Spring 2022 semester. Data are being analyzed, and we plan on releasing a report early in the Fall 2022 semester. In the meantime, if you have concerns regarding academic freedom, you can contact the [Academic Freedom Committee](#).





## 2022-2023 Faculty Senate Fellow

### **Congratulations!**

The Faculty Senate has chosen MiHyun Kim as the 2022-2023 Faculty Senate Fellow. MiHyun Kim is a designer, an artist, and an educator. She is currently an Associate Professor of Communication Design at the School of Art and Design at Texas State University. By using digital technology, human experience design, storytelling, and data visualization, her interdisciplinary nature of projects serves to create a sense of belonging to enhance humanity.

Her projects have been recognized by numerous international and national design organizations including Interaction Design, Association, ico-d, Ars Electronica, CAA, Cumulus, AIGA Design Educator Community, UCDA Design Education Summit, and eyeO festival.

The 2022-2023 Fellow's research project will support the Faculty Senate's efforts to address salary equity and compression by collecting and analyzing data that will assist in formalizing Senate recommendations on these issues as we move toward R-1 tier status. The Faculty Senate looks forward to Ms. Kim's project and its positive impact on the Texas State University community.



## Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant

### Farewell and Welcome

After 11 ½ years serving the Faculty Senate, Valerie Anderson has retired. Her last day was May 31st. Valerie served the faculty senate through 6 senate Chairs, 8 vice Chairs, 69 senators, 109 liaisons, 351 senate meetings, 11 elections, and processed 533 faculty development applications. She revamped the Faculty Senate office to accommodate the many changes that have taken place over the last decade. Her service and dedication to the Faculty Senate is appreciated and will be missed. We wish her happiness and much needed rest.

Gilda (GG) Mortenson now follows in Valerie's footsteps as the new Administrative Assistant to the Faculty Senate. GG comes to us with over 10 years of administrative experience. She was a prior Texas State employee with the Wittliff Collections at Alkek Library. Her work experience has always been in some form of education, from Head Start to Higher Ed. Her most recent position was as a reading tutor for 20 first graders in Geronimo, Texas. GG can be reached at the Faculty Senate office or email her at [gg.mortenson@txstate.edu](mailto:gg.mortenson@txstate.edu).

Welcome GG!



## Faculty Senate Summer Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for summer have been scheduled:

Wednesday, June 22, 3 pm - 5 pm

Wednesday, July 20, 3 pm - 5 pm

## Fall Application Deadlines

**Piper Professor Nominee:** applications are due by September 23rd. The Faculty Requests system for Piper applications will open July 29th.

**Faculty Development Leave:** applications are due by September 15th, notify your department chair or school director if you intend to apply. Applications are due October 3rd via the Faculty Requests application system, which will open on August 19th.

**Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release:** applications are due by September 15th, notify your department chair or school director if you intend to apply. Applications are due October 10th via the Faculty Requests application system, which will open on August 19th.

## Green Cat Challenge Awards



*1 - 2022 Green Cat Challenge Awards*

### **Congratulations to the winners of this year's Green Cat Challenge Award!**

Mitchel Sabourin - Individual Student Winner

Wren Vogel - *Individual Student Alternate*

Wildlife Biology Society - Student Organization Winner

ECO - *Student Organization Alternate*

Texas State Early Childhood Education and Bonham Pre-Kindergarten - Faculty/Staff Department Winner

Dr. Austin Talley - Individual Faculty/Staff Winner

*(Not pictured - Student Michael Quinto accepted award on behalf of Talley)*

The Faculty Senate's Environment and Sustainability Committee announced the Green Cat Challenge Awards to recognize university community members, departments, and organizations for exceptional commitment to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship at Texas State University. We hope to encourage communication and adoption of sustainable practices across the university.







*2 - Rocio Luna*

Rocio Luna is a dancer, choreographer, and researcher with 20 years of professional experience in contemporary dance. She has been interested in developing an epistemology for dance that considers the voice of the creators to recover the linguistic knowledge of the dance culture. Her creative work involves the site specific in relation to digital media and the stimulus provided by the viewer. Luna holds a PhD in Art and Culture in the Conacyt quality program from the Universidad de Guadalajara (titled with honorable mention), a master's degree in Arts Teaching and a bachelor's degree in Choreography of the National School of Classical and Contemporary Dance of the Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes. Since 1999, she has worked as a full-time professor and researcher in the Bachelor of Dance of the Popular Faculty of Fine Arts of the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo where she is a founding member of the Academic Body of Performing Arts.

She is also a member of the Academic Body of Performing Arts (CAAE).

For more information on Rocio Luna, visit [rociolunadanza.com](http://rociolunadanza.com)



*3 - Natalia Reza*

Natalia Reza is a dancer, choreographer and artistic director.

She earned a Master's in human development and a Bachelors by the National College of Contemporary Dance. She attended high school at the Center for Artistic Education in the City of Querétaro, México. She owns a diploma in Choreography by Interactions from Bodies in Dialogue at the San Agustín Arts Center, Oaxaca. She was a solist dancer of the National Ballet of Mexico under the Direction and Choreography of Guillermina Bravo. She has been a dance and gender columnist for El Cambio de Michoacán and for Ágora Política and has collaborated with Diario Provincia in the Culture Section. She has participated as a choreographer of the First and Second Generation of the National Dance Registry. Beneficiary of various programs such as: José Limón Institute within the Teaching Contemporary Limón workshop; Artistic and Cultural Projects of the Mexican Youth Institute; the Mexican Center for Music and Sound Arts; National Network of Audiovisual Poles of the Mexican Institute of Cinematography; In addition to state programs such as Co-Investments for the Artistic Production of Michoacán and Stimuli to the Creation of Querétaro.

She is part of the Merge 2020-2021 season.

## 64th Faculty Senate, 2022 - 2023



*4 - First row: Taylor Acee, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Stacey Bender, Dale Blasingame, Rachel Davenport*

*Second row: Peter Dedek, Farzan Irani, Jennifer Jensen, Lynn Ledbetter, Ben Martin*

*Third row: Roque Mendez, Andrew Ojede, Adetty Perez de Miles, Michael Supancic, Alex White*

Applied Arts: [Michael Supancic](#), Criminal Justice

Business Administration: [Andrew Ojede](#), Finance and Economics

Education: College of Education: [Taylor Acee](#), Curriculum and Instruction; [Stacey Bender](#), Health and Human Performance

Fine Arts & Communication: [Dale Blasingame](#) (Co-Secretary), Journalism and Mass Communication; [Lynn Ledbetter](#) (Chair), Music; [Adetty Perez de Miles](#), Art and Design

Health Professions: [Farzan Irani](#), Communication Disorders

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English; [Peter Dedek](#), History; [Jennifer Jensen](#) (*Vice Chair*), Geography; [Roque Mendez](#), Psychology

Science and Engineering: [Rachel Davenport](#), Biology; [Ben Martin](#) (*Co-Secretary*), College of Science and Engineering; [Alex White](#), Mathematics

## Contact Us!

Do you have a question, concern or issue you want the Faculty Senate to address? Want to make a suggestion? [Contact the senate via our website.](#)

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate minutes posted on the [Faculty Senate website](#), or by contacting your Faculty Senator (email links above) or [Senate Liaison](#). 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.