

Faculty Senate Bulletin May 2023



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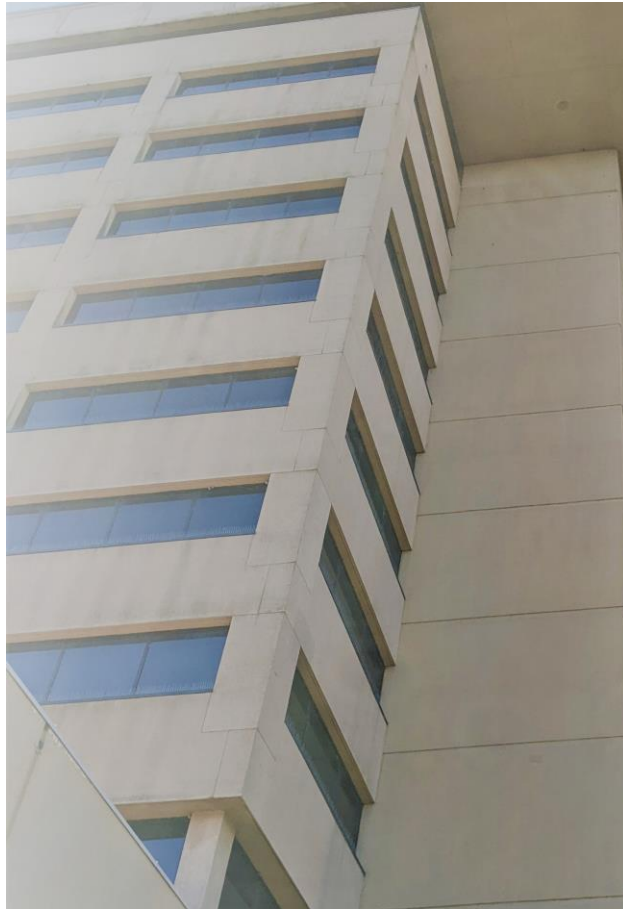
"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." Socrates

This Month:



- **65th Faculty Senate**
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- **Faculty Senate Fellow**
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65th Faculty Senate (2023-2024)



College of Applied Arts: Michael Supancic (Criminal Justice)

McCoy College of Business Administration: William Chittenden (Finance & Economics)

College of Education:

Stacey Bender (Health & Human Performance)

Jo Beth Oestreich, *Secretary* (Curriculum & Instruction)

College of Fine Arts and Communication:

Lynn Ledbetter, *Chair* (Music)

Dale Blasingame, (Journalism & Mass Communication)

Adetty Pérez de Miles (Art and Design)

College of Health Professions: Farzan Irani (Communication Disorders)**College of Liberal Arts:**

Rebecca Bell-Metereau (English)

Peter Dedek (History)

Jennifer Jensen, (Geography)

William Kelemen, (Psychology)

College of Science and Engineering:

Rachel Davenport, *Vice Chair* (Biology)

David Donnelley, (Physics)

Alex White (Mathematics)

Summer Meeting Dates



Summer meetings are held in JCK 880 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM with a Zoom option (unless otherwise noted on the agenda¹)

June 21, 2023

July 19, 2023

Minutes² of previous meetings are available on the Faculty Senate website.

¹<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/meetings/weekly-agenda.html>

²<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/>

Academic Freedom Corner



The Academic Freedom Committee is keeping track of bills related to higher education and academic freedom during this legislative session.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding academic freedom, please contact the academic freedom committee using the following link:

<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/committees/freedom/contact-afc.html>

Faculty Senate Salary Study



In 2022 -2023 the Texas State University Faculty Senate conducted a study to analyze salary inequity, salary compression and the effects of inflation on faculty income. The report³ includes findings from a qualitative survey of faculty conducted by the Faculty Senate in fall 2022.

Call for Faculty Senate Fellow



³[https://gato-docs.its.txst.edu/jcr:f5343a22-9f38-4bb6-b97e-4614ada7897e/FacultySenateSalaryReport 2022-2023.pdf](https://gato-docs.its.txst.edu/jcr:f5343a22-9f38-4bb6-b97e-4614ada7897e/FacultySenateSalaryReport%2022-2023.pdf)

The position of Faculty Senate Fellow offers a professional development opportunity for faculty members by providing shared governance and leadership experience at Texas State. In FY 2023-2024, the Fellow's research project should broadly support the Faculty Senate's efforts to analyze and address issues such as best practices in student evaluations of teaching; staff and personnel infrastructure; or other topics that are of broad interest to faculty.

Position – One-year term appointment with possible 3 workload credits in a long semester

Eligible Candidates – Full-time faculty with at least three years' experience at Texas State

Responsibilities – Complete a proposed research project and attend designated governance meetings

Please send the following documents to FacultySenate@txstate.edu **by June 1, 2023**. The recipient will be notified by June 21, 2023. The appointment will begin September 1, 2023, and continue through August 31, 2024.

- Curriculum vita
- Statement of interest: 50 to 100 words describing your interest in the position
- Proposed research project narrative (250 to 500 words). Consultation with a Faculty Senator is recommended.
- A signed memo from the department chair/school director confirming willingness to assign a replacement instructor for one of your classes (not funded by the department/school) if you are selected as the Faculty Senate Fellow.

Farewell



The Faculty Senate bid a fond farewell to four Senators who have completed their service terms:

College of Education - **Taylor Acee** (Curriculum & Instruction),

College of Science & Engineering - **Ben Martin** (Chemistry & Biochemistry),

College of Liberal Arts - **Roque Mendez** (Psychology) and

McCoy College of Business Administration - **Andrew Ojede** (Finance & Economics).

Each of these individuals worked diligently on behalf of all faculty during their time on the Faculty Senate. Their dedication, commitment and unique perspectives will be missed.

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.⁴

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate minutes posted on the Faculty Senate website⁵, or by contacting your Faculty Senator⁶ or Senate Liaison⁷. 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.

⁴<http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/contact/contact-us.html>

⁵<http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/>

⁶<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/contact/64th-faculty-senate.html>

⁷<https://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/contact/senate-liaisons.html>