



Faculty Senate Bulletin

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"Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time." - Lyndon B. Johnson

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65th Faculty Senate



The 65th Faculty Senate 2023-2024

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

Business Administration: [William Chittenden](#), Finance and Economics

Education: [Stacey Bender](#), Health and Human Performance; [Jo Beth Oestreich](#), (*Secretary*), Curriculum and Instruction

Fine Arts & Communication: [Dale Blasingame](#), 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](#), Geography; [William Kelemen](#), Psychology

Science and Engineering: [Rachel Davenport](#) (*Vice Chair*), Biology; [David Donnelly](#), Physics; [Alex White](#), Mathematics

Academic Freedom Corner



The Faculty Senate's Academic Freedom Committee is monitoring developments regarding the creation of university policies relating to SB17 and SB18.

If you would like to contact the committee about any concerns regarding academic freedom on campus, you can contact us using our contact form at [Academic Freedom Committee](#).

Fall Meeting Dates



All meetings are held in JCK 880 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with a Zoom option (unless otherwise noted on the [agenda](#))

Prior meeting [minutes](#) are available on the Faculty Senate website.

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Spring semester meetings will resume on January 24, 2024.

Faculty Development Leave



The Faculty Senate completed the review of Faculty Development Leave applications for 2024-2025. Recommendations were sent to the Provost's office for further approval and then on to the Board of Regent's for a final review at the February 2024 meeting. Supplemental grants will be reviewed by a separate team in December 2023. Recipients of the awards will be notified by the Provost's office in Spring 2024.

Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release



The Nontenure Line Faculty Committee has completed the review of the Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release applications for 2024-2025. Recommendations were presented to the Faculty Senate in late November and were endorsed by the Senate. The endorsed recommendations have been forwarded to the Provost's office for further approval and then on to the Board of Regent's for a final review at the February 2024 meeting. Recipients will be notified by Faculty Senate and the NLFC in Spring 2024.

Piper Professor Nominee



Congratulations to Cindy Royal Ph.D. for being chosen as this year's Texas State University's Piper Professor nominee.

Dr. Royal is a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication teaching digital and data-driven media skills and concepts. She completed Ph.D. studies at The University of Texas at Austin in 2005, where she focused on the effects of the Internet on communication and culture. Prior to doctoral studies, Dr. Royal had a career in Marketing at Compaq Computer (now part of Hewlett Packard) in Houston and NCR Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. She has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Richmond and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2016, she founded the Media Innovation Lab and launched a new undergraduate major in Digital Media Innovation (DMI) with current enrollment of 390 students. Graduates of the DMI program now work in emerging media roles at Microsoft, Dell, Gannett, General Motors, Rackspace, Southwest Airlines, OJO Labs and more. Dr. Royal is the recipient of several campus, community and international honors including Journalism and Mass Communication Teacher of the Year, presented by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, a John S. Knight Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University and Texas State's Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Service. Additional detail regarding her research, education and experience can be found at cindyroyal.com.

University Lecturer Series



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Department of Theatre and Dance



Art as a catalysis for social change: our journeys with DanceAbility®

This lecture is a powerful example of collaborative art creation between two differently-abled dancers, **Tanya Winters and Veronica DeWitt**, (certified DanceAbility® teachers).

Thursday, February 15, 11:00am-12:00pm, Jowers Stage 178

FREE event funded by:

The University Lecturer Series

The Theatre and Dance Department

The Office of Disability Service

Merge Dance Company

Committee Preference Survey 2024

All faculty are encouraged to fill out the Committee Preference Survey to be released in late January 2024. This results of this survey are used by the Committee on Committees to fill vacancies on [Faculty Senate Committees](#). The survey is sent out through Qualtrics and may sometimes end up in your "other" folder. Please be on the look out for this item. Your participation matters!

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](#) 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.