



Faculty Senate Bulletin-Spring 2024

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“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.” – William Shakespeare

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65th Faculty Senate



The 65th Faculty Senate 2023-2024

Applied Arts: Michael Supancic¹, Criminal Justice

Business Administration: William Chittenden², Finance and Economics

Education: Stacey Bender³, Health and Human Performance; Jo Beth Oestreich⁴, (*Secretary*), Curriculum and Instruction

Fine Arts & Communication: Dale Blasingame⁵, Journalism and Mass Communication; Lynn Ledbetter⁶ (*Chair*), Music; Adetty Perez de Miles⁷, Art and Design

Health Professions: Farzan Irani⁸, Communication Disorders

Liberal Arts: **Vaughn Baltzly**⁹, Philosophy; Rebecca Bell-Metereau¹⁰, English; Peter Dedek¹¹, History; William Kelemen¹², Psychology

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Academic Freedom Corner



The Senate's Academic Freedom Committee is monitoring national and state-level trends in legislation and policies considered threats to academic freedom and the implications for faculty and students at Texas State University, including university responses to SB17 and SB18, laws passed in Florida and Indiana, and threats on job security, speech, and academic freedom regarding particularly contentious political issues.

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 Committee¹⁶.

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¹⁶<https://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/committees/freedom/contact-afc.html>

Spring 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 agenda¹⁷)

Prior meeting minutes¹⁸ are available on the Faculty Senate website.

April

3 (PAAG)

10

17

24

May

¹⁷<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/meetings/weekly-agenda.html>

¹⁸<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/65th-senate-minutes.html>

2024 Faculty Senate Election



The Faculty Senate runoff elections for the 66th Faculty Senate (2024-2025) will run from April 01, 2024 through 5PM, April 08, 2024.

Only colleges with senate vacancies will hold an election - excluding departments who already have a Senator representative through 2024-2025.

2024 Senate Vacancies:

Applied Arts- 1 Seat (May 2024 - May 2027) - Candidate Information¹⁹

Fine Arts & Communication - 1 Seat (May 2024 - 2027) - Candidate Information²⁰

McCoy College - 1 Seat - Unexpired 2-year Term (May 2024 - May 2026) - Candidate Information²¹

¹⁹<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/faculty-constitution/elections/bios-coaa.html>

²⁰<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/faculty-constitution/elections/bios-cofac.html>

²¹<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/faculty-constitution/elections/bios-coba.html>

Liberal Arts - 2 Seats (May 2024 - May 2027) 1 Seat - Unexpired 1-year Term (May 2024 - May 2025) - Candidate Information²²

Science & Engineering - 1 Seat (May 2024- May 2027) - Candidate Information²³

To cast your vote go to Faculty Senate Elections.²⁴

Faculty Perception Surveys

In early spring 2024 Faculty Perception Surveys were sent out to evaluate Chairs, Deans and Administrators. Results for these are can be reviewed with a required log-in on the Faculty Senate website resource: Faculty Perception Surveys ²⁵



Call for Faculty Senate Fellow 2024 -2025

In FY 2024-2025, the Fellow's research project should broadly support the Faculty Senate's efforts to determine best practices in teaching evaluation and its equitable use in performance, merit, and promotion decisions. Other topics of broad interest to faculty will also be considered.

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 Faculty Senate, University Leadership Assembly and other designated governance meetings

²²<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/faculty-constitution/elections/bios-cola.html>

²³<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/about/faculty-constitution/elections/bios-cose.html>

²⁴<https://tim.txstate.edu/facultysenateelections/>

²⁵<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/resources/survey.html>

Please send the following documents to FacultySenate@txstate.edu²⁶ by April 12, 2024. The recipient will be notified by April 26. The appointment will begin September 1, 2024 and continue through August 31, 2025.

- *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.*

Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award-Application Extension



The call for applications for the Part-time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award has been extended to April 12, 2024.

²⁶<mailto:facultysenate@txstate.edu>

All faculty members teaching 75% or less FTE in both long semesters of the preceding calendar year, have taught throughout the entire course, and are not employed as an administrator or staff member full time are eligible for these awards, exclusive of those faculty members who have received this award in the preceding three years. One award may be bestowed in each academic college annually. The award will consist of a certificate and a monetary award of \$1,000.

To apply go to: Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.²⁷

Applications are due to faculty senate@txstate.edu²⁸ by April 12, 2024 at 5PM.

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.²⁹

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate minutes posted on the Faculty Senate website³⁰, or by contacting your Faculty Senator³¹ or Senate Liaison³². 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.

²⁷<https://www.txst.edu/facultysenate/resources/pt-teaching-award.html>

²⁸<mailto:faculty senate@txstate.edu>

²⁹<http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/contact/contact-us.html>

³⁰<http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/>

³¹<https://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/contact/64th-faculty-senate.html>

³²<https://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/contact/senate-liaisons.html>