

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES FOR 2025-2026
Effective Spring 2026

All Committees are to submit a report by May 1st each year.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Members: Michael Kumura, HS-**Chair**
Anne Reed, CDIS
Gerardo Pacheco, SOHA
Danette Myers, HIIM
Adeyemi Olanrewaju, MLS
Michelle Nighswander, SON
Jessica Silveira, PT
Jacqueline Schenck, RC
Katherine Theaker, RTT

Charge: To solicit nominations and conduct elections for all committee vacancies. Committee membership is staggered, with half of the membership elected annually. Service is for two years, with 50% rotating annually. The committee will select a Chair and Vice-Chair, who will be on staggered appointments.

Membership: Junior faculty members are eligible to serve

Reports to: Associate Dean

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Members: Gloria Park, **Chair**
Jessica Smith
Nick Henry
Deborah Howard
Stacey Cropley
TBD, **Vice Chair** (also serving on UCC)
Lori Stiritz
Autumn Vela
Stephen Garcia
Heather Sherrill (non-voting member)
Zo Ramamonjiarivelo

Charge: To review and make recommendations on academic units' proposed curriculum changes from the College of Health Professions. The committee will select a Vice-Chair.

Membership: All faculty members are eligible to serve

Reports to: Associate Dean

FACULTY SUCCESS

Members: ~~Chris Russian, Chair~~ ~~Tiankai Wang~~
~~Denise Gobert, Vice Chair~~ ~~Pradeep Ramanathan~~
~~Katherine Sawyer~~ ~~Virginia Tufano~~
~~Adeyemi Olanrewaju~~ ~~Ram Shanmugam~~

Charge: Support a culture of mentorship, collaborative work, faculty development, faculty awards, and research for all faculty in the College.

Membership: Senior faculty members

Reports to: Associate Dean

FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS (merging with Faculty Success)

Members: Lori Stiritz, Chair	Steve Spivey
Stacey Cropley	Nathalie Austin
Rohit Pradhan	Danette Myers
Nathan Rodrigues	Jessica Smith

Charge: ~~Select faculty members to receive College awards for teaching excellence, scholarship and service. Recommendations will be submitted to College Council for approval. In addition, the committee will assist college nominees with submission for university awards. Committee selects Vice-Chair.~~

Reports to: ~~Dr. Gary Sayed, Dean~~

FACULTY/STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM

Members: Kevin Collins, Chair	Katherine Sawyer
Jose Betancourt, Vice-Chair	Dannette Myers
Adeyemi Olanrewaju	Cecelia Perez
Shannon Herrin	Amelia Manning

Charge: To plan and make all arrangements for the College of Health Professions' annual Research Forum.

Membership: All faculty members

Reports to: Associate Dean for Research

GRADE APPEALS

Members: Suzanna Okere, Chair	Regina Jillapalli	Jessica Smith
Jessica Bowers	Adeyemi Olanrewaju	Barbara Hewitt
Rohit Pradhan	Jayesh John	

Charge: To monitor the student grade appeal process and to administer the policy. Committee selects a Vice-Chair.

Membership: All faculty members

Reports to: Dean

STUDENT SUCCESS

(All scholarships, Honor societies and organizations, Events other than research)

Members: **Joshua Gonzales, Chair** Brittney Eisenbach
Abbey Hudgins, **Vice-Chair** Katherine Sawyer
Michael Mileski Stephanie Patel
Elise Lambert Damian Rodriguez
Diane Dolezel Rohit Pradhan
Nathalie Austin Amanda Wagner
Jennifer Johnson

Charge: To receive applications for scholarship, undergraduate and graduate, and to follow the appropriate PPS guidelines and make recommendations for students to be awarded the appropriate scholarships. The Committee will select a Vice-Chair.

Reports to: Associate Dean

~~GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS~~ (merging with Student Success)

~~**Members:** **Michael Mileski, Chair** Stacey Lesieur
Amber Littlefield Damian Rodriguez
Jackie Moczygemba Chris Russian
Diane Dolezel Jerry Pacheco~~

~~**Charge:** To receive College of Health Professions' applications for graduate scholarships and to follow the appropriate PPS guidelines and make recommendations for students to be awarded these scholarships. The Committee will select a Vice-Chair.~~

~~**Reports to:** Associate Dean~~

WELLCHPs COMMITTEE

Members: **Denise Gobert, Chair** Ranjini Mohan Autumn Vela
Todd Mackenzie Kary Daily – **Staff**
Abbey Hudgins Jessica Smith
Danette Myers Amanda Wagner

Charge: Faculty and staff wellness initiatives. Committee selects Vice-Chair.

Reports to: Dean

STUDY ABROAD and STUDY IN AMERICA COMMITTEE

Members: **Monica Hughes, Chair** Katherine Sawyer
Jason Tipps Jayesh John
Elise Lambert Suzy Okere
Joe Topinka Rodney E Rohde

Charge: To provide oversight for the study abroad and study in America programs for the College.

Reports to: Associate Dean

INTER-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Members: **Shannon Herrin, Chair** Autumn Vela
Katherine Sawyer, **Vice-Chair** Crystal Brewer
Nathan Rodrigues Jerry Pacheco
Cathy Messinger Renee Wendel
Bonnie Wood

Charge: Create a long and short-term IPE plan. The Committee will select a Vice-Chair.

Reports to: Associate Dean

OTHER NON-COLLEGE ASSIGNMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members: Monica Hughes (term runs through 2027)
Danette Myers (term runs through 2026)

Charge: To review general education core curriculum.

Reports to: VP, Academic Success

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Representatives: , (added by Faculty Senate) Dean Sayed

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (appointed by Faculty Senate)

Representatives Lori Stiritz (term ends Spring 2028)
Gloria Park (term ends Spring 2028)

HONOR CODE COUNCIL

Representatives: Renee Wendel (Graduate)
TBD (Undergraduate)

FACULTY ADVISORY GROUP/SENATE LIASONS

CHP Representative: Kimberly (Kim Lee) , Barbara Hewitt

Faculty Senate Liaisons:

Barbara Hewitt – HIIM-Appointed	Katherine Theaker-RTT
Kim Lee -SOHA-Elected	Stacey Cropley-SON
Pradeep Ramanathan	Nathalie Austin-MLS
Chris Russian-RC	Michael Kumura - HS
Lois Sticklely-PT	

UNIVERSITY’S COLLEGE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (CREC):
(College Chair assigned by Faculty Senate)

Ram Shanmugam, Chair (non-voting member)	Arzu Ari (ex-officio)	
Katherine Sawyer (RTT)	TBD (MLS)	Elise Lambert (HIIM)
Nick Henry (RC)	Keya Sen (SOHA)	Pradeep Ramanathan (CDIS)
Denise Gobert (PT)	Virginia Tufano (SON)	

IT GOVERNANCE – David Gibbs

BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT TEAM – Kevin Collins

GRADUATE ADVISOR FOR FINANCIAL AID APPEALS: Reports to Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Ms. Dede Gonzales; these are faculty advisors that have access to create academic plan for financial aid eligibility in the FASAP application

Dept. Representatives:

Physical Therapy – Lois Sticklely (**College Coordinator**)
Communication Disorders –
Health Administration – Kim Lee
Health Informatics & Information Management – Tiankai Wang
Nursing – Tracey Page
Respiratory Care – Chris Russian

FINANCIAL AID ADVISORY, APPEALS, & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COM: This committee is through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. It reviews Scholarship applications for the Terry Foundation and reviews financial aid appeals.

Diane Dolezel Michael Mileski

SAFETY COORDINATORS FOR CHP (Encino & Willow Halls):

Common Clinic – Brittny Slaughter (Common Clinic)
CDIS – Janessa Chavez and Joana Silva-Gomez
HA – Melinda Good and Robin Ramos
HIIM – Gail Ekman and Andrea Rubio
MLS – Kassi Redwine and Rodney Rohde
NURS – Tory Miranda and Janice Barnes
PT – Kari Wahl and Karen Gibbs
RTT – LaDonna Cannon
RC – April Rock and Kary Daily
Dean’s Office (SM) – Ashley Ricks and Janet Johnson
Dean’s Office (RRC) – Cyndi Haynes (Primary) and Raidah Murshed (Alternate)
Advising Office – Heather Jaime Sherill and Elise Barlow

Note: Safety Coordinators will handle any type of safety issue. They will be the contact person for work-related injuries. In the event of a fire alarm, they will ensure all people in their academic unit/office are out of the building and accounted for.

University Admissions Standards Committee: Sara Boysen

Faculty Qualifications Advisory Committee:

Faculty Development Advisory Committee: TBD

Presidential Work Life Advisory Council: Lisa Brooks

Qualtrics Team: Barbara Hewitt

IDEA Center Advisory Committee: TBD

University Intellectual Property Committee: TBD

Council of Funded Research – Arzu Ari

Financial Education Committee – Brad Beauvais

Institutional Effective Council – TBD

Institutional Biosafety Committee – Rodney Rohde

Institutional Review Board – TBD

International Advisory Council – Rodney E Rohde

Piper Professor Committee – Stacey Lesieur

Research Safety Committee – Denise Gobert

Learning Management System Steering Committee – Barbara Hewitt

Radiation and Laser Safety Committee – Jessica Smith

Tuition & Fees Appeal Committee – Gregg Marshall

Library Partners Committee – Barbara Hewitt

ERP Evaluation Representative – TBD

Facilities Planning Committee – Marla Erbin-Roesemann

Nontenure Line Faculty Committee (not required if program has less than 10 NTL faculty)

Communication Disorders – Renee Wendel

Health Administration – Kim Lee

Health Informatics and Information Management – Melissa Walston-Sanchez

Nursing – Brandy Wells (Page)
Physical Therapy – Suzy Okere
Radiation Therapy – Jessica Smith

Graduate Council

Communication Disorders – (2023-2026)
Health Administration – Zo Ramamonjarivelo (2021-2024)
Health Informatics & Information Management – Tiankai Wang (2015-2026)
Medical Laboratory Science – N/A
Nursing – Stacey Cropley
Physical Therapy – Suzanna Okere
Radiation Therapy – N/A
Respiratory Care – Chris Russian (2017-2026)

Provost and Academic Affairs Committees website:

<https://www.txst.edu/roster.html>