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A big thank you to faculty voters who participated in the nomination round of the current FS election cycle. Candidates for the final round have been elected and a new election feature is that candidate bios will be provided on the FS webpage for voters to access prior to voting. More information will be provided to voters with the election link.

If faculty or staff pay for a parking permit with a payroll deduction spread over the months of their paychecks, parking permits are paid using pre-tax dollars (like TexFlex medical and childcare accounts). A lump sum payment of the parking fee uses after-tax dollars.

The Environment and Sustainability Committee invites faculty, staff, students, and groups to apply for Green Cat Challenge Awards for their work on sustainable practices. Apply using the Green Cat Challenge Application Form and sending supplemental materials to facultysenate@txstate.edu by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2017. For details, email rb12@txstate.edu or call Senator Rebecca Bell-Metereau (512) 245-2163 or text 512-665-2157.

In a presentation on Campus Safety at the joint CAD and Senate meeting, VPFSS Eric Algoe shared that a campus-wide lighting study is being conducted, yielding recommendations for lighting and security camera adjustments. Increases have also been made in the number of campus police, evening security guards, Bobcat Bobbies, and walking and bike patrols. He also encouraged the university community to download the Bobcat Guardian app.

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 via email: FacultySenate@txstate.edu.