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- The Provost and Associate Provost met with Vice Chancellor Perry Moore in late November to discuss faculty outside employment [approval procedures](#). They arrived at an interpretation of the Regents Rules that requires part-time faculty to submit the online approval request **only** if they are employed by another state agency. For all faculty, honoraria related to scholarly/creative activity **do not** require approval. The Faculty Senate commends our administrators' efforts to simplify and clarify these procedures.
- The Texas State University System Regents have instituted a TSUS Regents' Teacher Award to honor exceptional instructors at system institutions. At Texas State, the university's Piper Professor nominee and the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching may be nominated by the President for this award, which includes a commemorative plaque and medallion, and \$3,000.
- Many anesthesiologists, even at United Healthcare in-network hospitals, are out-of-network. If you or an insured dependent will require anesthesia during a hospital procedure, talk to your physician about requesting a United Healthcare in-network anesthesiologist. Out-of-pocket expenses are much higher for out-of-network providers.
- The Faculty Senate has initiated a pilot project for online administration of the HB2504 Student Perceptions of Instruction (SPI). Students in the School of Journalism & Mass Communication and the Clinical Laboratory Science Program comprise the pilot group for this fall, to be joined by other units in the spring. Based on the results, online delivery could be recommended for all HB 2504 SPIs beginning fall 2015.

**The Faculty Senate wishes the Texas State University community a warm and wonderful holiday season.**

The Faculty Senate encourages all faculty to communicate concerns on any faculty and shared governance issues to their [senators](#) and senate [liaisons](#) directly or to the [Faculty Senate](#) via email.