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FACULTY SENATE BULLET POINTS

- At its May meeting, the [TSUS Board of Regents](#) approved the promotion and tenure recommendations submitted by the president and provost. President Trauth commended the stellar accomplishments of the faculty reviewed in this cycle.
 - * Tenure and promotion to associate professor—32 of 33 were approved
 - * Promotion to professor—11 of 13 were approved
 - * Tenure only—2 of 2 were approved
 - * Promotion to clinical associate professor —1 of 2 was approvedOf the 50 applicants, 46 were approved. All but one of the four unsuccessful applicants was denied at the level of chair or dean.
- Texas universities dodged the open carry of guns on campus, but licensed individuals will be able to carry concealed, loaded handguns as specified in [SB11](#), recently signed into law by Governor Abbott. There are many unclear points about the law that must be resolved before September 1, 2016 when the law goes into effect. The biggest issue will be determining the “reasonable rules” universities are allowed to implement to restrict the locations where guns can be carried.
- At Texas State, the term adjunct faculty will no longer be used to refer to all nontenured and nontenure track faculty. To better align the university with nationwide classifications, this large faculty constituency will henceforth be referred to as nontenure line faculty.
- [Mr. Andrew Marks](#) has been selected to serve as the inaugural Faculty Senate Fellow. Marks is a clinical senior lecturer in the School of Social Work and member of the Nontenure Line Faculty Committee. The senate fellow position is a mentorship opportunity in shared governance and leadership.

The Faculty Senate encourages you to voice your concerns and comments on any faculty and shared governance topics to your [senator\(s\)](#) or [senate liaison](#) or directly to the senate via FacultySenate@txstate.edu.