



Faculty Senate Bulletin

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It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things. -- Henry David Thoreau, Walden

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2020 - 2021 Faculty Senate Goal/Theme

Advocating for Justice and Transformation

The Senate will prioritize and actively seek efforts to advocate for justice and transformation on our campus, with an emphasis on the following initiatives.

- Empower faculty to effectively manage challenges that arise in the classroom.
- Support, highlight, and advocate for faculty research that addresses issues of justice and transformation in the community.
- Explore and promote discussion of the intersection between diversity/inclusion and representative democracy.
- Advocate for the adoption of a formal, robust, and progressive career path for non-tenure line faculty.

COVID: Providing Feedback on Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Teaching and Instruction



2 - photo: Rebecca Harrell, UniversityStar

On September 11 you received a survey from COVIDFeedback@txstate.edu to provide input on your experiences teaching this fall. So that we can plan appropriately for the spring semester, please provide your feedback about your experiences and observations teaching this fall as well as ideas for the spring 2021 semester, whether you are teaching online, hybrid, A/B (flexible) face-to-face, or traditional face-to-face classes.

Fall Application Deadlines



Faculty Development Leave: by September 15, notify your department chair or school director if you intend to apply. Applications are due October 1. Apply via the [Faculty Requests](#) application system. We also recommend that you contact the senator(s) from your college prior to initiating the application process in order to receive assistance in developing an effective proposal, as well as for an explanation of the review procedure.

Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release: by September 15, notify your department chair or school director if you intend to apply. Applications are due October 8 via the [Faculty Requests](#) application system. We also recommend that you contact the [Nontenure Line Faculty Committee Member\(s\)](#) from

your college prior to initiating the application process in order to receive assistance in developing an effective proposal, as well as for an explanation of the review procedure.

Piper Professor Nominee: applications are due September 18. Apply via the [Faculty Requests](#) application system.

Research Enhancement Program (REP): applications are due October 10. Apply via the [Texas State Internal Proposal Online Submission](#) page.

Assessment of Administrators

The Faculty Senate has completed the annual Faculty Perceptions of Academic Administrators Survey and the summary document is available on the [senate website](#). The senate appreciates the assistance of the Office of Institutional Research in this effort. The data sets can be accessed using the links in the summary document. As per an agreement with the Provost, the written comments will be made available for 90 days. Rather than this period comprising the summer months, the comments will be posted via the link noted in the summary document between September 1 and November 30.

2019 - 2021 Faculty Senate Fellow

Shannon Duffy teaches Early America in the Department of History. As Faculty Senate Fellow for 2020, working on issues related to academic freedom, in addition to attending the Faculty Senate, she worked with both the Nontenure Line Faculty Committee and the Academic Freedom Committee to investigate faculty concerns regarding academic freedom, carrying out a year-long research project into academic freedom incidents nationwide. [Read Shannon's final report on the fellow webpage](#).

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Tina Marie (Waliczek) Cade is currently a Professor of Horticulture in the Department of Agriculture, teaching courses in horticulture and advising graduate students on research projects. Her research interests have focused on people/plant interactions including studies on active interactions of people with plants in community, home or school gardens, as well as passive interactions of people with plants in green spaces outside and inside with interior plants. She is the faculty manager of the award-winning [Bobcat Blend](#) composting program. She also manages the on-campus floral shop and floral event sales program, Bobcat Bloom.

Tina's Fellow project will focus on the creation of an environmental sustainability "road map" including a list of steps the university and its members can take to improve our sustainability. She also plans to survey faculty to determine their interest in engaging in environmental sustainability efforts. She is going to include ideas that there is interest in pursuing, ideas that are realistic, and ideas that our peer institutions have already implemented or are in the process of implementing.

Upcoming Events



Tuesday, September 15, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, via Zoom

As part of [Hispanic Heritage Month, Institutional Inclusive Excellence – Student Initiatives](#) presents a Zoom webinar by Dr. Laura Rendon, Professor Emerita, who will discuss self-care and pedagogical practices for teaching to the whole person in the virtual classroom. Sponsored by College of Education, Faculty Senate, Faculty Development and Texas State TRIO.

**** Pre-registration required****

National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15) celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens with Hispanic ancestry.



Monday, October 19, 2:00 pm, via Zoom

Julie A. Reuben will discuss *Social Responsibilities of Universities: Diversity, Inclusion, and Academic Freedom*. Faculty Senate joins Equity and Access and the Department of Philosophy as a co-sponsor of this event in the Philosophy Dialogue Series. This event will be available by Zoom; link to be available the week before the event.

Julie A. Reuben is a historian interested in the role of education in American society and culture. Her teaching and research address broad questions about the purposes of education; the relationship between educational institutions and political and social concerns; and the forces that shape educational change.

Monday, October 26, Virtual Event

The College of Education presents the [Tomás Rivera Award](#). This year's awardee is *My Papi has a Motorcycle*, by Isabel Quintero, Illustrated by Zeke Peña.

Texas State University College of Education created The Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award in 1995 to honor authors and illustrators who create literature that depicts the Mexican American experience. It is named in honor of Texas State University distinguished alumnus Dr. Tomás Rivera. The University Lecturers Series is a co-sponsor of this event.



Thursday, October 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm via Zoom.

Dr. Jonathan Zimmerman, Professor of History of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, will be speaking on *Impolitic Politics: Free Speech, Censorship, & Civility on Campus in the Age of Trump*.

Jonathan Zimmerman has researched and written extensively on campus politics and campus protests, campus climate, and political issues in education. New York University awarded him the Distinguished Teaching Award (2008) and he is an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer. In addition to his many scholarly monographs, he is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, and *The Washington Post*.

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Please note: Peter Dedek has been appointed to represent the College of Liberal Arts during Rebecca Bell-Metereau's faculty development leave in Fall 2020. Gwynne Ash will represent the College of Education during Taylor Acee's faculty development leave in Fall 2020.

Applied Arts: [Michael Supancic](#), Criminal Justice

Business Administration: [Andrew Ojede](#), Finance and Economics

Education: College of Education: [Gwynne Ash](#) (through Fall 2020), and [Taylor Acee](#) (beginning Spring 2021), Curriculum and Instruction; [Stacey Bender](#), Health and Human Performance

Fine Arts & Communication: [Dale Blasingame](#), Journalism and Mass Communication; [Lynn Ledbetter](#) (*Vice Chair*), Music; [Nicole Wesley](#), Theatre and Dance

Health Professions: [Janet Bezner](#) (*Chair*), Physical Therapy

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English (beginning Spring 2021); [Peter Dedek](#), History (through Fall 2020); [Jennifer Jensen](#) (*Secretary*), Geography; [Vince Luizzi](#), Philosophy; [Roque Mendez](#), Psychology

Science and Engineering: [Rachel Davenport](#), Biology; [Ben Martin](#), Chemistry and Biochemistry; [Stan McClellan](#), Engineering

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.](#)

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 (email links above) 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.