



Faculty Senate Bulletin-April 2018

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Faculty Senate Election

Elections for the 60th Faculty Senate are being conducted in the following colleges: Applied Arts, Fine Arts & Communication, Liberal Arts, and Science & Engineering. A big thank you to faculty voters who participated in the nomination round of the current election cycle. Candidates for the final round have been elected and candidate bios will be provided on the senate webpage for voters to access prior to voting. We will provide more information to voters with the election link.

Faculty Salary Data

The annual salary data has been posted on the Faculty Senate website¹. In order to access the data, you will be required to log in with your Texas State username and password.

Please note that the posted faculty salary data sets are generated by the 2017 salary review and merit process and do **not** include all faculty. Faculty who are **not** included in this process are new hires, faculty with negotiated salaries (including new chairs and those stepping down), faculty to be converted to tenure-track, and any faculty member not appointed in an FTE position as of 9/1/2016. Salary data of Per-Course faculty and Texas State administrators is also posted, as are salary summaries of other Texas higher education public institutions.

¹<http://www.txstate.edu/facultysenate/resources/faculty-salary-data.html>

Green Cat Challenge



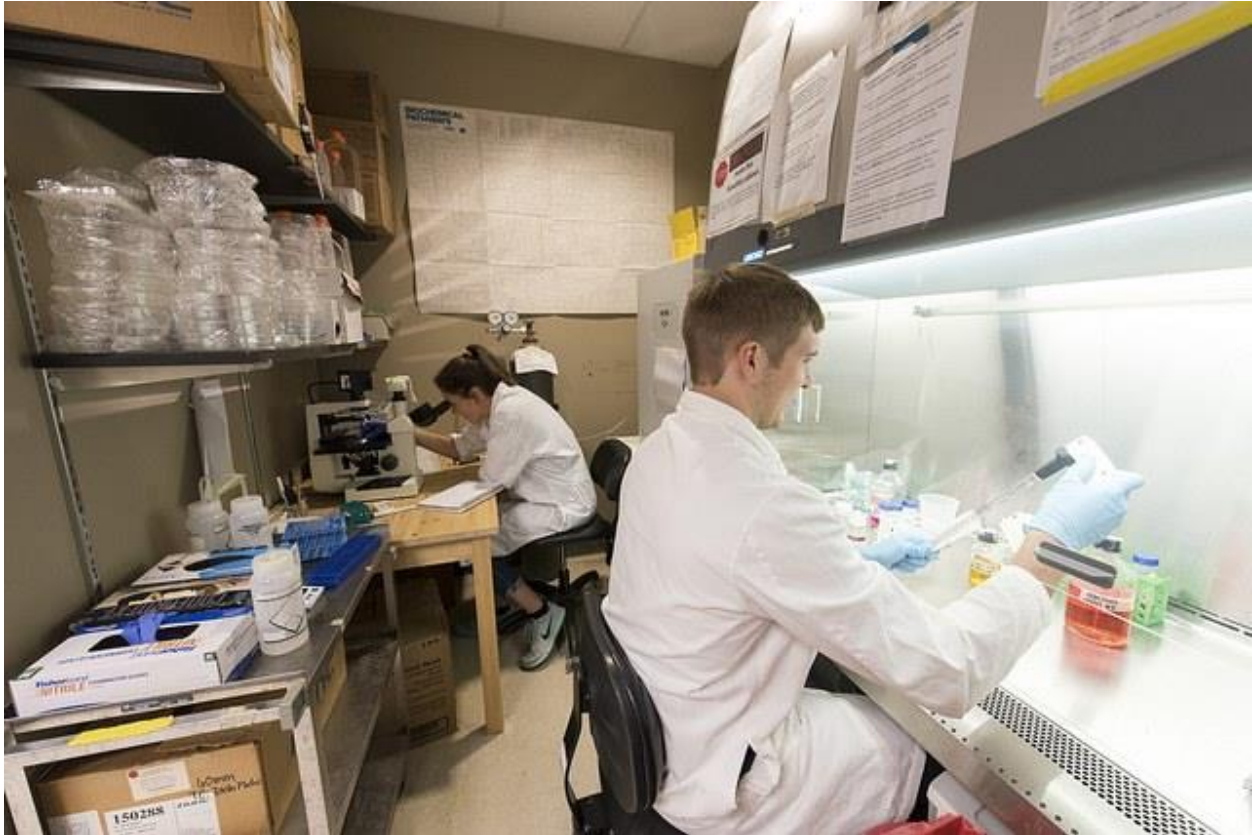
The Environment and Sustainability Committee invites faculty, staff, students, and groups to apply for Green Cat Challenge Awards for their work on sustainable practices. To apply, complete the Green Cat Challenge Application Form² online. Any of the supplemental materials may be submitted to facultysenate@txstate.edu³ by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018. For more information about the application process, please email facultysenate@txstate.edu⁴ or call Rebecca Bell-Metereau (512) 245- 2163 or text 512-665-2157.

²https://txstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2f77qdFhL1m244J

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IRB Goals



Chief Research Officer Dr. Walt Horton met with the Faculty Senate and announced goals for continuous improvement in the efficiency of the IRB process without compromising quality and safety. To achieve these goals, Dr. Horton listed several action items⁵ including a new IRB application portal and increasing staffing support in the near to midterm future.

⁵[http://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:917d0bef-6223-4eb1-b4b6-17e4485ac5e5/Continuous Improvement in IRB Process Efficiency.pdf](http://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:917d0bef-6223-4eb1-b4b6-17e4485ac5e5/Continuous%20Improvement%20in%20IRB%20Process%20Efficiency.pdf)



There are in fact two things, science and opinion; the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance. – Hippocrates, Law, IV

University Lecturers Series



1 - Dr. Fumiko Futamura

The Faculty Senate is proud to announce the following University Lecturers Series presentation for this month:

How to Mathematically Immerse Yourself in a Work of Art: Exploring the Geometry of Perspective, with Dr. Fumiko Futamura, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Southwestern University, on Friday April 13, 2018, 2 – 3 PM in Derrick Hall 329. Dr. Futamura will discuss the simple mathematics that will help you magically enter the world of a perspective drawing, including a new technique developed by a student.

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.⁶

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate minutes posted on the Faculty Senate website⁷, 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.

59th Faculty Senate



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