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FACULTY SENATE BULLET POINTS

- President Trauth has formed a Campus Carry Task Force to plan for the August 1, 2016 implementation of the licensed carrying of loaded handguns on our campuses. Special Assistant to the President, Dr. Vicki Brittain, will chair the committee, which will comprise 26 stakeholder representatives. The effort will include broad, inclusive discussions to solicit input from all quarters. Please convey your comments and concerns about the implementation of campus carry to your [Faculty Senators](#), [Senate Liaisons](#) or via the president's [Campus Carry](#) website by completing a brief survey.
- Beginning this semester, all [HB2504](#) Student Perceptions of Instruction surveys will be conducted online. Data from Fall 2013 - Fall 2014 online trials showed that the response rates were lower, but the distribution of responses was generally in line with surveys conducted in hard copy during classes in prior years. After two years, a review of SPI surveys will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of capturing student perceptions via online delivery.
- A new category of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching has been approved. There will henceforth be separate awards for Assistant Professors and full-time Lecturers. Consult [PPS 6.11](#) for details.
- [Microsoft Unified Messaging](#) will replace the CallPilot voicemail system by Spring 2016. A new feature is that phone messages will also appear as email.

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.