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At the May 3 PAAG meeting, the President and Provost described the tenure and promotion applications they recently reviewed as being exceptionally strong. For the third consecutive year, they approved all of the applications that were recommended to them by the Deans and College Review Groups.

As the Spring semester draws to a close, the Faculty Senate encourages faculty to plan ahead and to use the summer months to prepare applications for the Fall 2017 submissions cycle for the following opportunities:

- [Faculty Development Leave](#): submission portal open September 1 – October 2
- [Piper Professor Award](#): submissions due October 2
- [Research Enhancement Program \(REP\)](#): submissions due October 6
- [Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release](#): application portal open August 31 – October 9

When the contract with United Healthcare expires August 31, 2017, the health insurance program administration will return to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. Subscribers will need to keep using the UnitedHealthcare ID card until the end of August. For details on plan coverages, consult the [ERS 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 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](mailto:FacultySenate@txstate.edu).

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