



# Faculty Senate Bulletin

**April 2022**

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. - Nelson Mandela*

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## Academic Freedom Corner

### Faculty Perceptions on Academic Freedom at Texas State

The Faculty Senate's Academic Freedom Committee is inviting you to participate in a 10-15-minute survey on your perceptions on Academic Freedom at Texas State. Such a study is important for the university community because protecting academic freedom is essential to both teaching and scholarly/creative activity on college campuses. The results can help us all reflect on our perceptions regarding this crucial element of our academic lives at Texas State. The results of this study might identify areas of concern regarding academic freedom at Texas State that need attention.

We will disseminate the findings of this study internally across the Texas State University academic community, and it might help us develop action items. Data collected through this survey will be used for institutional research purposes only, and will not be used for scholarly publication. Only the principal investigator will have access to the raw survey data; however, we may share aggregate result summaries with the Faculty Senate and the Texas State University community, and use the results of the survey to develop action items.

This study does not involve any risks to you. Your participation in this project is completely confidential and voluntary. You will not be asked to identify yourself anywhere on the survey instrument and your responses will be examined only in aggregate with the rest of your colleagues. You may decline to answer any individual question or to answer any of the questions. Your willingness to complete the survey will constitute tacit consent to participate in the research project.

**The survey will close April 18.**

[Begin the survey.](#)

Or copy and paste the link below:

[https://txstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_430NsOnFfRc6MpE](https://txstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_430NsOnFfRc6MpE)

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Nathan Pino at [np11@txstate.edu](mailto:np11@txstate.edu).



## Faculty Senate Fellow

The position of Faculty Senate Fellow offers a professional development opportunity for faculty members by providing shared governance and leadership experience at Texas State. Working on a special project with the Faculty Senate and attending meetings with the President and others, the Faculty Senate Fellow will become familiar with the routine and special concerns of the Senate and gain insight into the shared governance process at Texas State University.

**In FY 2022-2023, the Fellow's research project should broadly support the Faculty Senate's efforts to analyze and address salary equity and compression and the impact on our educational community at Texas State.** The Senate is interested in collecting and analyzing CUPA and other related salary/compression data to detect trends and patterns that will assist in formalizing Senate recommendations for how to positively address salary equity and compression issues as we move toward R-1 tier status.

Applications are due Friday, April 22. For application procedures, visit the [Faculty Senate Fellow](#) page.

## 2022 Perceptions of Academic 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.



## Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant

Valerie Anderson, the Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant, will retire on May 31. The Administrative Assistant II position is now posted **and closes Monday, April 11**. We would appreciate it if you disseminate this information through your network to help recruit a qualified applicant pool. We encourage you to share with potential candidates the opportunity to support dedicated faculty representatives and receive excellent benefits at Texas State, including health insurance.

This position is .75 FTE with flexible hours, M-F. We're especially interested in applicants with the ability to work autonomously, prioritizing tasks and meeting multiple deadlines with minimal supervision.

The posting is available on the [Human Resources jobs](#) site.



## Faculty Senate Election

Elections for the 64th Faculty Senate (2022-2023) have been completed, and senators were elected (or re-elected) in the following colleges:

- College of Education: **Stacey Bender**, Health and Human Performance
- College of Fine Arts and Communication: **Nicole Wesley**, Theatre and Dance
- College of Health Professions: **Farzan Irani**, Communication Disorders
- College of Liberal Arts: **Rebecca Bell-Metereau**, English
- College of Science and Engineering: **Alex White**, Mathematics

The 64th senate will convene at 5 pm on May 4, at which time officers will be elected.

We would like to thank Danette Myers, who has completed her term of service for the College of Health Professions, and Stan McClellan, who has completed his term of service for the College of Science and Engineering. We also appreciate all candidates who agreed to appear on the ballot for their willingness to serve.

## University Lecturers Events



*1 - Monica Fedeli*



2 - Edward Taylor

**Monday, April 11, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, The Philosophy Dialogues Room, Comal 116**

***Learning, Teaching, and Transformation for Today's Complex Educational/Organizational Settings and Learner Needs***

Hosted by Adult, Professional, and Community Education Programs (M.A. and Ph.D.) in the Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology in the College of Education. Dr. Monica Fedeli and Dr. Edward Taylor will provide presentations and discussions about international and comparative research-based adult teaching and learning to students, faculty, and staff.

**Guests:**

**Dr. Monica Fedeli**, Vice Rector for the Third Mission and Professor of Teaching and Learning Methods and Organizational Development at the University of Padova, Italy

Lecture: *From the Galileo Podium to Active Learning: An Italian Perspective on Instructional Development*

**Dr. Edward Taylor**, Professor Emeritus of Lifelong Learning and Adult Education from Penn State University-Harrisburg

Lecture: *Empathy: The Stepchild of Critical Reflection and Transformative Learning*

Sponsors:

The University Lecturers Series; the Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education and School Psychology; the College of Education; the Department of Curriculum and Instruction; the Department of Health and Human Performance; the Office of Faculty Development; and the Department of Organization, Workforce and Leadership Studies

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

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

Education: College of Education: [Taylor Acee](#), Curriculum and Instruction; [Stacey Bender](#), Health and Human Performance

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

Health Professions: [Danette Myers](#), Health Information Management

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English; [Peter Dedek](#), History; [Jennifer Jensen](#) (*Vice Chair*), Geography; [Roque Mendez](#), Psychology

Science and Engineering: [Rachel Davenport](#), Biology; [Ben Martin](#) (*Co-Secretary*), 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.