



Faculty Senate Bulletin

Summer 2019

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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2018 - 2019 Selected Accomplishments



1 - Ceramic artwork donated by past chair Michel Conroy for the Faculty/Staff Dining Room in Jones Diner

- Reviewed and endorsed awards related to the following peer review processes: Academic Computing, [Research Enhancement Grants](#), [Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release](#), [University Lecturers Series](#), [Part-Time Faculty Teaching Awards](#), and the [Piper Professor and Everett Swinney Teaching Awards](#).
- Charged the Academic Freedom Committee to develop a policy on cyber harassment.
- Formed a task force to review and make recommendations for policies and training to address academic intimidation.
- Supported a Faculty Senate Fellow in 2018-2019, Dr. Araceli Ortiz, whose efforts focused on the Senate theme, *Building Community*, and hosted a program on *Strengthening Community through Faculty Diversity* in February 2019.
- Collaborated with the Associate Provost to provide an opportunity for the Senate to have input into major academic policy revisions early in the review process.

Fall Application Due Dates

[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, which will open August 23.

[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, which will open August 23.

[Piper Professor Nominee](#): applications are due September 20. The Faculty Requests application system will open August 1.

[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 Institutional Research in this effort. The data sets can be accessed using the links in the summary document. Please note that only the numerical results are available for the Deans at this time. 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 16 and December 16, 2019.

Green Cat Challenge Awards



The Faculty Senate's Environment and Sustainability Committee announced the Green Cat Challenge Awards at the Spring Lake Earth Day Festival at the Meadows Center on April 20:

Individual Student: **Emma Parsley**, Engineering Technology Senior

Student Group: **Bobcat Blend**

Staff Organization: **Registrar's Office**

Individual Faculty Member: **Tina Cade**, Agriculture

Honorary Mention: **Tom Shewan**, Facilities

Thanks to all who participated in this effort to honor and recognize the importance of the environment and best sustainable practices as an important university goal.

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The senate would like to thank the following outgoing senators for their service:

Ting Liu, College of Education

Michel Conroy, College of Fine Arts and Communication

Augustine Agwuele, College of Liberal Arts

Alex White, College of Science and Engineering



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

Business Administration: [Diego Vacaflores](#), Finance and Economics

Education: [Joellen Coryell](#), Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education and School Psychology; [Jesse Gainer](#), Curriculum and Instruction

Fine Arts & Communication: [Nicole Wesley](#), Theatre and Dance; [Lynn Ledbetter](#), Music; [Dave Nolan](#), Journalism and Mass Communication (*Secretary*)

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

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English; [Natalie Ceballos](#), Psychology (*Vice Chair*); [Jennifer Jensen](#), Geography; [Vince Luizzi](#), Philosophy

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

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