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FACULTY SENATE BULLET POINTS

- The Texas State University Faculty Senate joins the Texas Association of College and University Police Administrators, the Texas Association of College Teachers, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Faculty Council at The University of Texas-Austin, and colleagues across the nation in voicing our position that carrying firearms, including concealed weapons, on university campuses by anyone other than law enforcement officers is detrimental to the safety of the students, faculty and staff.
- Senators Feakes and Conroy, and Adjunct Faculty Committee member David Nolan, will present a talk at the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) conference, June 11-14, related to increased resources for non-tenure-track faculty at Texas State. The theme of the conference is the state of higher education in the U.S.
- There are more than 900 adjunct faculty at Texas State with 17 different titles. Adjunct faculty as defined at Texas State include all non-tenure track faculty: per-course and full-time lecturers, and clinical, program and research faculty. Highlights of adjunct faculty accomplishments are posted on [the adjunct faculty website](#).
- The current [ERS](#) contract with United Healthcare runs until 8/31/2016. Without legislative action, Texas State cannot "opt out" of the Group Benefit Plan of the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS). For questions related to your insurance, contact the Benefits Office by [email](#) or calling 245-2557. Visiting ERS staff in person about provider services or decisions (200 East 18th Street, Austin, TX 78701) may be more effective than phoning (512 867-7711).

The Faculty Senate encourages all faculty to communicate concerns on any faculty and shared governance issues to their [senators](#) and [senate liaisons](#) directly or to the Faculty Senate via [email](#).