



Faculty Senate Bulletin

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Committee Preference Survey

Remember that the senate is currently conducting a survey to determine faculty members' preferences for committee service. You received an email with a link to a Qualtrics survey. We estimate that it will take about ten minutes for faculty to review the committees and indicate three ranked preferences. The survey will close Monday, March 9. The Faculty Senate invites all faculty members to meet their responsibilities for shared governance by volunteering for university level committee service. If you wish to retake the survey or missed the email, contact [Valerie Anderson](#), the senate's administrative assistant.



Faculty Senate Election



Elections for faculty to serve on the Faculty Senate are underway. Balloting for the nomination round in the McCoy College of Business Administration and the colleges of Education, Fine Arts and Communication, Liberal Arts and Science and Engineering will close **March 10**. Final candidate biographies will be posted on the senate's [Election Information](#) page for the runoff election which will be held **March 23 - 30**.

New senators will begin their term at the May 6 senate meeting. [Vote via the Elections application.](#)

Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award

As a means to further the University's efforts to recognize outstanding faculty and to acknowledge the many and important contributions of the nontenure line faculty, this policy establishes an awards program for recognizing part-time faculty excellence in teaching and outlines a process for selecting and making these awards. This award is intended to recognize instructors who have not historically been eligible for university teaching awards.

One award may be given per academic college annually. Each award will consist of a certificate signed by the college dean and a monetary award of \$1,000. All faculty members teaching 75% or less FTE in both long semesters of the preceding calendar year are eligible for these awards, exclusive of those faculty members who have received this award in the preceding three years.

For policy and application procedures, visit the senate [website](#).

The deadline to submit applications for the 2019 calendar year to the [Faculty Senate](#) is **Monday, March 23**. The Faculty Senate's administrative assistant will upload supporting documentation to the Canvas Part-time Teaching Award project site by March 27 for review by the applicant's college selection committee.



Green Cat Challenge Awards



The Faculty Senate's Environment and Sustainability Committee announces the Green Cat Challenge Awards to recognize university community members, departments, and organizations for exceptional commitment to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship at Texas State University. We hope to encourage communication and adoption of sustainable practices across the university.

Awards will go to an individual faculty member, department, administrative office, and student and/or staff organization. On April 18, 2020, at the [Spring Lake Earth Day Festival](#) at the Meadows Center,

recipients will be presented with an earth-friendly certificate and a gift to honor their commitment to environmental and sustainable practices at the university.

To apply, complete the [Green Cat Challenge Application Form](#) online. **Applications are due Friday, April 3.**

For more information about the application process, please email faculty senate@txstate.edu or call Rebecca Bell-Metereau at 512-245-2163 or text 512-665-2157.

Thank you for your participation in this effort to honor and recognize the importance of the environment and best sustainable practices as an important university goal.

Perceptions of Academic Administrators

Each spring, the Faculty Senate conducts perception surveys of the college deans. Please participate in this year's assessment which will close early in April. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete, so please do not miss your opportunity to participate. Provide your PERCEPTIONS to all the survey statements that you feel able to address.

While the surveys are confidential, filling out the instruments does require you to log in. However, every reasonable effort is made to preserve the anonymity of respondents by recording the NetID of respondents in random order in a file separate from survey responses. Authentication allows us to be sure that only the appropriate people are completing the surveys. A written-comment area is provided for those who wish to add narrative comments.

The data will be posted on the Faculty Senate's website in May in an authentication-required area. Written comments will be posted for 90 days beginning in September. The senate appreciates the assistance of the Office of Institutional Research in conducting these surveys.

President Survey: <https://secure.its.txstate.edu/irsurveys/facsen/admineval/vpaa-preseval.pl>

Provost Survey: <https://secure.its.txstate.edu/irsurveys/facsen/admineval/vpaa-provosteval.pl>

Dean Survey: <https://secure.its.txstate.edu/irsurveys/facsen/admineval/vpaa-deaneval.pl>

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. For the 2020-21 academic year, the Fellow's research project should support the Faculty Senate's commitment to **environmental awareness and sustainable practices**. The Senate is interested in ways to promote formal and informal interdepartmental faculty interaction and collaboration.

Applications are due **Friday, April 10**. For complete application information, see the senate's [website](#).



University Lecturers Series

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Performing Arts Center Recital Hall



The Department of Psychology and Common Experience present Dr. Temple Grandin: *The World Needs All Kinds of Minds*.

Temple Grandin was nonverbal until nearly four years of age. Through the love and support of her family and teachers, she was able to attend school despite being teased and bullied. Inspired by her science teacher, she embarked on a career in science studying animal husbandry, for which she has received much notoriety. At the age of 18, she invented the “squeeze box” as a way of coping with extreme anxiety. Dr. Grandin’s books about her interior life as an autistic person have increased the world’s understanding of the condition with personal immediacy — and with import, as rates of autism diagnoses rise. She is now one of the most visible and leading advocates for individuals with autism.

For more information contact Danielle McEwen, dl1120@txstate.edu

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

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

Education: [Jesse Gainer](#), Curriculum and Instruction; [Lyn Litchke](#), Health and Human Performance

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

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: [Rachel Davenport](#), Biology; [Ben Martin](#), 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.