



Faculty Senate Bulletin

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I believe finally, that education must be conceived as a continuing reconstruction of experience; that the process and the goal of education are one and the same thing. —JOHN DEWEY

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2019 - 2020 Faculty Senate Goal/Theme

The Senate will prioritize and participate in efforts to enhance diversity and inclusion on our campus, with an emphasis on the following initiatives.

1. Increase the competence and confidence of faculty to manage issues of diversity and inclusion in the classroom.
 - a. Supports Texas State University 2017 - 2023 University Plan, Goal 1: Promote the success of all students, Objective: Prepare all students to achieve their career goals and make positive and meaningful contributions as they interact in a diverse and increasingly global society through an inclusive program of learning and engagement, rich with diverse perspectives.
2. Contribute to the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty.
 - a. Supports Texas State University 2017 - 2023 University Plan, Goal 4: Provide the necessary services, resources, and infrastructure to support the university's strategic direction, Objective: Plan and implement programs to help improve faculty and staff recruitment, hiring, and retention in order to support a highly qualified, diverse, motivated, and satisfied workforce.
3. Explore and promote discussion of the intersection between diversity/inclusion and democracy.
4. Identify a more robust labeling system for courses/syllabi to standardize and highlight elements of diversity and inclusion that are included in Texas State courses.
5. Support the development of a more formal and robust career path for non-tenure line faculty.



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](#).



1 - Researcher Rebekah Rylander studies the golden-cheeked warbler, an endangered Texas bird.

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.

Faculty Senate Fellow



Dr. Shannon Duffy, Senior Lecturer in the Department of History, is this year's Faculty Senate Fellow.

She will be addressing issues related to academic freedom, particularly with regard to nontenure line faculty, and as it relates to the growth of social media.

Shannon will host three Academic Freedom Dialogues, the first of which will be Thursday, October 24, 4 - 6 pm in Comal 116. All Texas State Faculty are invited to share their thoughts and concerns about issues related to faculty academic freedom and academic free speech.

Fulbright Scholars



Texas State enthusiastically supports Fulbright programs. Three TXST faculty were chosen Fulbright scholars for 2019 - 2020:

Lori Assaf, Curriculum and Instruction: South Africa

Elizabeth Bishop, History: Algeria

Eric Leake, English: Slovenia

Undergraduate Research



Undergraduate Research at Texas State 2019 - 2020

The theme of the 2020 Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a requirement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmation process, is undergraduate research. During the 2019 - 2020 year, the Faculty Senate will be providing updates and links to resources for faculty related to undergraduate research.

[Join the Undergraduate Research Advisor Directory](#)

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University Lecturers Series

On **October 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Alkek Teaching Theater**, Dr. Gilberto Conchas, Professor of Education from University of California, Irvine will give a keynote presentation titled *The Chicana/o/a Promise: Journeys of Hope, Resistance and Educational Success in the Borderlands*. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Gloria Martinez-Ramos, gm21@txstate.edu.



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

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

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

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

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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.