

Faculty Senate Bulletin
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- Please remember to vote in the Faculty Senate elections. The election [portal](#) for the first round of voting will be active until April 4. During this round, two candidates will be identified for each open seat and the run-off election will be held April 11-18. In this election cycle, there are senate seats open in all colleges except Applied Arts.
- The perceptions of deans, provost and president [surveys](#) will close on Friday, April 8. Please take this opportunity to provide your input.
- The Senate's Environment and Sustainability Committee seeks proposals for an Earth Day (April 22) [competition](#), open to individuals, departments, offices, teams, and student groups. Please send queries and requests for application information to [Senator Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), co-chair of the committee.
- Governor Abbott has formed a [task force](#) on college affordability and workforce development. The group comprises heads of the Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Texas Workforce Commission. They will embark on a six-month, six city "listening tour" that will visit San Antonio on April 26.
- Nationwide among all faculty, those in tenure-track positions received the highest overall median salary increase (2.2%), according to data from CUPA-HR's [2015-16 Faculty in Higher Education Salary Survey](#). The overall median salary increase for faculty was 2.0% for both public and private institutions.
- Faculty whose physicians have ordered 3-D mammograms should be aware that United Healthcare is not currently covering this procedure. Health Select subscribers will have to pay for this procedure out-of-pocket. It might be possible to [appeal](#) nonpayment decisions through the [ERS](#) office.

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](#) 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 via email: FacultySenate@txstate.edu.