

Colleagues,

I am pleased to present the inaugural edition of the Faculty Senate's monthly Bullet Points communiqué. The first of the senate's goals for 2014-15 is to improve communication with the faculty at large and we hope this series of brief missives will be one means of accomplishing that aim. As ever, we welcome your comments and suggestions and look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

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Chair, Faculty Senate

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F A C U L T Y S E N A T E B U L L E T P O I N T S

- A new revision to the faculty grievance process that extends the time for a grievance to be filed from 10 days to 30 business days has been approved by the TSUS Board of Regents. The Faculty Senate is grateful to Provost Bourgeois for his work in seeking approval of this change.
- Concerns have come to the Faculty Senate about United Healthcare, including the limitations regarding coverage of non-generic drugs, which have caused problems when direct generics do not exist or generics have proven to be less effective for individuals. If you have experienced this or other issues regarding health insurance, please share them with your senator or liaison so they can be conveyed to the Retirement and Benefit Programs Committee.
- On a positive note, flu and shingles vaccinations are being offered at no cost to United Healthcare policyholders by some local pharmacies. The no-cost shingles vaccination is available to those aged 60 and older. Be sure to call the number on your health insurance card to verify which pharmacies are participating.
- The Bobcat Bobbies are an escort service on the San Marcos campus for students and faculty from "dawn to dusk." Call 245-SAFE to arrange for pick up. This service is also available during the day for students with temporary disabilities.

More information about these and other topics can be found in the Faculty Senate [minutes](#) posted on the Faculty Senate [webpage](#), or by contacting your Faculty [Senator](#) or [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.