

Faculty Senate Bulletin March 2017

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Steve Mim's film "[Starving the Beast](#)," is available for screening from Alkek Library. This documentary follows state debates regarding the level of funding public universities deserve, and for what that funding should be used.

Faculty Senate elections for open seats in the colleges of Education, Liberal Arts, McCoy College of Business Administration, Fine Arts and Communication and Science and Engineering are underway. Faculty eligible to stand for election have been identified and have until March 10 to exercise the option to remove themselves from ballots. Online voting will begin March 20.

The Faculty Senate has initiated an [Academic Freedom Committee](#), which will include members of our tenured, tenure-track, and nontenure line faculty communities. You may indicate your interest in serving on this and other university-level committees via the committee preference survey that will be circulated this month.

Faculty Ombudsman, Pat Pattison, was invited to share what she considers key qualities for the position. She stressed the ability to actively listen, to maintain total confidentiality, and that a legal background, and/or experience with mediation are also helpful. Faculty interested in serving as the ombudsman beginning September 1, 2017, should apply to Dean [Stan Carpenter](#) by Friday, March 31, 2017.

The Faculty Senate welcomes Dr. Bahram Asiabanpour to his new role as interim senator for the College of Science and Engineering.

Andrew Marks, the first Faculty Senate Fellow, submitted his research report regarding integration of Nontenure Line Faculty into shared governance among faculty senates across the state of Texas. We thank him for his contributions! A call for Faculty Senate Fellow 2017-18 proposals is forthcoming.

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:
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