



Faculty Senate Bulletin

Summer 2020



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2019-2020 Faculty Senate Selected Accomplishments

This academic year was busy! The Faculty Senate:

- Approved a Nontenure Line Faculty Career Path Proposal for consideration by the administration.
- Included faculty in the Honors and University Colleges as faculty voters in their home colleges, enabling these faculty to participate in Faculty Senate activities.
- Worked with Dr. Scott Bowman, Special Assistant to the Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, to require diversity and inclusion training for all faculty search committee members and Dr. Bowman presented the Toolkit and Best Practices for Inclusive Excellence in Faculty Hiring and Retention.
- Approved resolution supporting the use of Affordable Learning Materials, including Open Educational Resources (OER) at Texas State.
- The 60th Senate endorsed the Chicago Statement on Academic Freedom. The 61st Senate requested that President Trauth endorse the statement on behalf of the university.
- Reviewed and endorsed awards related to the following peer review processes: Research Enhancement Program Awards, Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release, University Lecturers Series, Part-Time Faculty Teaching Awards, and the Piper Professor and Everette Swinney Teaching Awards.
- Advocated for changes to the AA/PPS 04.02.32 [Faculty Grievance Policy](#), which have been made, and for gender neutral language in university policy statements.
- Requested the Academic Governance Committee draft a new Personnel Committee policy, which is in the process of being completed and reviewed.

For the full list of accomplishments, visit the [senate website](#).

COVID-19 Resources

[Latest COVID-19 Updates](#)

[President's Webinar FAQs – faculty and staff questions and answers](#)

[Virtual Commencement Ceremony FAQs](#)

[Good News Stories related to COVID-19 – a roundup of all the stories in one place](#)







Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Work Groups



President Trauth has established several pandemic and post-pandemic work groups to allow for guidance and implementation to be recommended by distinct sectors, like teaching and research. While these work groups will address specific challenges, they will share information to strengthen each other's outcomes. The President has asked the Chairs of each work group to present initial recommendations to the Cabinet no later than June 15, 2020. The senate encourages faculty to contact the chair of each work group with specific concerns.

Continuity of Education Work Group: Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, Chair, vs04@txstate.edu

Health, Wellness, and Safety Work Group: Dr. Emilio Carranco, Chair, ec05@txstate.edu

Continuity of Housing Work Group: Ms. Cristine Black, Chair, cblack1@txstate.edu

Continuity of Research Work Group: Dr. Walter Horton, Chair, weh21@txstate.edu

Faculty and Staff Morale Work Group: Dr. Angela Ausbrooks, Chair, a_ausbrooks@txstate.edu

Continuity of Athletics Work Group: Mr. Travis Comer and Mr. Don Coryell, co-chairs, tcomer@txstate.edu, dc32@txstate.edu

Continuity of Student Life Work Group: Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt, Chair, m.e.cavitt@txstate.edu

Commencement Planning Work Group: Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, Chair, vs04@txstate.edu

For charges and full membership, visit the [Texas State Newsroom](#).

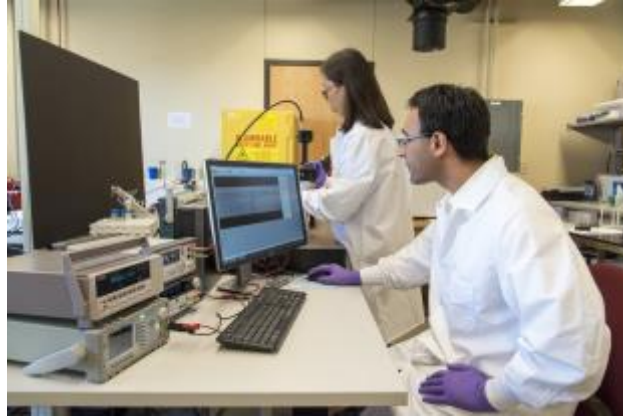
Fall Application Deadlines

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 21.

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 21.

Piper Professor Nominee: applications are due September 25. The Faculty Requests application system will open August 1.

Research Enhancement Program (REP): applications are due October 10. Apply via the [Texas State Internal Proposal Online Submission](#) page.



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 the Office 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 1 and November 30, 2020.

Piper Professor and Swinney Awardees

2020 Awardees

The Faculty Senate congratulates this year's [Piper Professor, Ann Burnette](#), Associate Professor, Communication Studies.

Each year the Faculty Senate recognizes the Piper Professor nominee and two runners-up with the Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award, for which awardees receive an honorarium and a plaque. In May 1996 the Faculty Senate voted to name the Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award in honor of former senator and longtime senate chair Dr. Everette Swinney. Dr. Swinney served on the senate sixteen years, and eight terms as senate chair.

This year's Everette Swinney Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award Winners, in addition to **Ann Burnette**, are:

Ting Liu, Associate Professor, Health and Human Performance

Roque Mendez, Professor, Psychology



2020-2021 Committee Appointments



The senate has received the report of the Committee on Committees and their recommendations for 2020-2021 university committee service are being considered. The senate commends the work of CoC members and Chair Bill Stone for their effort in recommending appointments to 16 senate committees and 20 university committees, councils and teams. Committee appointments will be announced this summer.

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

Business Administration: [Andrew Ojede](#), Finance and Economics

Education: College of Education: [Gwynne Ash](#) (through Fall 2020), and [Taylor Acee](#) (beginning Spring 2021), Curriculum and Instruction; and [Stacey Bender](#), Health and Human Performance

Fine Arts & Communication: [Lynn Ledbetter](#) (*Vice Chair*), Music; [Dale Blasingame](#), Journalism and Mass Communication; [Nicole Wesley](#), Theatre and Dance

Health Professions: [Janet Bezner](#) (*Chair*), Physical Therapy

Liberal Arts: [Rebecca Bell-Metereau](#), English; [Roque Mendez](#), Psychology; [Jennifer Jensen](#) (*Secretary*), 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.