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FACULTY SENATE BULLET POINTS

- Monthly Q&A dialog meetings for adjunct faculty (full and part-time non-tenure track) have been initiated by Presidential Fellow Debra Feakes. The Provost and Associate Provost were guests at the January meeting, making for a lively and informative dialog. All adjunct faculty are encouraged to participate in the upcoming meetings, which will be live streamed to the Round Rock campus. Dates and times will be posted on the [Adjunct Faculty webpage](#).
- The [prescription drug cost comparison chart](#) posted by Human Resources can help minimize drug-related costs. The chart compares medical prescription plans and costs/discounts from national chains and local pharmacies.
- The Faculty Senate has endorsed employing the [CourseLeaf program](#) to publish annual digital undergraduate and graduate catalogs rather than the current biennially printed undergraduate catalog and "live" (continuously updated) digital graduate catalog. Use of the CourseLeaf program will allow greater synchronization of catalog, curriculum and admissions processes.
- Faculty Qualifications is a reporting feature of the [Tk20](#) e-portfolio system that is currently being tested in eleven departments for use in faculty annual reviews. Because participating faculty have encountered a range of problems with the program, Associate Provost Opheim has assured the Senate that there will be revisions made based on university-wide faculty input before another trial of Faculty Qualifications is conducted. The Senate will closely follow developments.

The Faculty Senate encourages all faculty to communicate concerns on any faculty and shared governance issues to their [senators](#) and [senate liaisons](#) directly or to the Faculty Senate via [email](#).