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At the May 4 PAAG meeting, the President and Provost described the tenure and promotion applications they recently reviewed as "spectacular." They approved all of the applications that were recommended to them by the Deans and College Review Groups.

As the Spring semester draws to a close, the Faculty Senate encourages faculty to plan ahead and to use the summer months to prepare applications for the Fall 2016 submissions cycle for the following opportunities:

- [Faculty Development Leave](#): submission portal open September 1 – October 1
- [Piper Professor Award](#): online submissions due October 1
- [Research Enhancement Program \(REP\)](#): online submissions due October 7
- [Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release](#): application portal open September 1 – October 10

In 2016-17, Research Enhancement Program funding will increase from the program's baseline of \$350,000 to more than \$600,000. The increase is due to the President and Provost's decision to devote 10% of funds garnered from the state's Texas Research Initiative Program (TRIP) to the REP.

Beginning Fall 2016, 60 underutilized parking spaces in the Edward Gary parking garage will be designated as red/restricted permit spaces.

There is still time to [submit your comments](#) on campus quality, spaces, community, and on the future of Texas State in the coming 10 years (2017-2027). The Campus Master Plan committee and consultants are working to conclude Phase 1, "Discovery," and to move into Phase 2 of the plan, "Analysis and Scenario Development."

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.

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