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The Faculty Senate has announced a referendum regarding the proposed amendment to the Faculty Constitution. This [amendment](#) would permit the senate to reflect the faculty as one body. The senate will hold the last open forum for comment and to address questions about the proposed change on **Monday, November 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**, on the 11th floor of JCK.

Parking Services reports that the lots and garages listed below *typically* have parking spaces available, although special events, rain, or finals will have an impact on availability. The number of spaces listed after the location represents the average number of open spaces counted at 8:00 am and at noon.

- Academy Street Garage (304) 70-30 spaces
- Mitte (R40) 40-15 spaces
- Woods Street Garage (R42) 150-20 spaces
- Mathews Street Garage (R46) 150-75 spaces
- Riverhouse (R19) 35-10 spaces
- Jowers (R14) 60-20 spaces
- Sessom Lot (R2) 40-10 spaces (will fill due to rain or meetings at Facilities)
- Edward Gary Garage 150 spaces (requires the Ed Gary restricted permit)
- Hornsby/Burleson areas (203) 50-20 spaces (red permits may use green and purple areas)

Parking locations not on this list are usually full by 9:00 am.

The Faculty Senate has drafted revisions to the university **faculty office hours** policy that reframes the longstanding practice of faculty being reliably available for out of class instruction and advising of students as **faculty contact hours outside of class**. The revision states that in addition to in-person meetings, a variety of means may be used to meet with students, including via telephone, electronic communication, or other means that allow faculty to effectively support students outside of scheduled class periods. The revision will require departments and schools to establish written policies for faculty contact hours outside of class.

The draft has been presented to the Council of Academic Deans and the Council of Chairs and will be incorporated into PPS 4.01, Conduct and Planning of Courses, and distributed by the Office of the Provost for comment.

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.