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FACULTY SENATE BULLET POINTS

- The Faculty Senate welcomes senators-elect Elizabeth Bishop (History, Liberal Arts), Scott Bowman (Criminal Justice, Applied Arts) and Dana Garcia (Biology, Science and Engineering). All are first-time senators and will begin their 2015-18 terms at the May 6 Faculty Senate meeting.
- The pilot program of the summative review of chairs to include a Faculty Senator as an outside observer who will convey faculty and staff input to the dean preserving anonymity has been completed in the College of Liberal Arts. A review from the Dean of Liberal Arts was generally positive and the Council of Academic Deans has endorsed proposed revisions to PPS 1.10.
- Although final actions have not yet been taken, Texas State University budget priorities positively addressed by the legislature thus far include (1) funding for construction of a science and engineering building in San Marcos and a health science building in Round Rock, (2) increased funding for the Higher Education Assistance Fund ([HEAF](#)), and (3) an increase in the formula for general appropriations.
- Faculty research grant awards will play a role in achieving criteria for National Research University Funding ([NRUF](#)) status. However, the significance of successful grant writing in the tenure, promotion and merit processes is a department/school/program decision and should be made clear in unit policies.

If you have questions about any of the topics above, please contact your Faculty [Senator](#) or [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.