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Committed to supporting Texas State University faculty in the publication and dissemination of high quality research, scholarly, and creative works, a subvention award is in place to assist with publication costs. A new application form will soon be posted by the provost's office.

The University Lecturers Committee will soon issue a call for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 proposals to bring outstanding speakers to our campuses. Proposals are due January 26, 2018.

Following up on inquiries submitted by faculty members, we report that access to the grade change system has been corrected so that a homepage search will yield the Change of Grade Utilities, and that faculty/staff access to university logos will henceforth be handled by the Office of University Marketing, rather than by the Division of Athletics.

We are initiating outreach to the Staff Council and encourage faculty members to contact their senators with any staff related questions or concerns.

In [AA/PPS 02.03.01](#), *Conduct and Planning of Courses*, faculty office hours were reframed as "contact hours outside of class." This change allows for the advising and supplementary instruction of students using email and other technologies—and not solely in faculty offices. Section 10 of the PPS states that, "Departments, schools, and programs shall develop and publish policies for faculty expectations to dedicate time to meet, advise, and instruct students outside of class periods..."