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Faculty Senate Updates

As per the Faculty Senate meeting in the month of February, the senate was focused on salary and benefits concerns, academic classification, supporting vans for club transportation, and supporting inter-campus travel as college service hours. Additionally, Faculty are encouraged to contact Mark Murray, FS Parliamentarian, if interested in joining the Faculty Senate for the Academic Years, 2022-2023 or 2022-2024.

Constitution Link: https://academicaffairs.southtexascollege.edu/facsenate/pdf/Faculty_Senate_Constitution.pdf

Updates Continued:

The Faculty Senate has been invited to present updates to the Board of Trustees at the end of each semester. These meetings are streamed live; please make plans to join us!

As of February 2022, the Board of Trustees have approved a second stipend.

Mark your calendars, March 4, 2022 between 1-2pm, Live online, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Team will provide an overview of the Ins and Outs of the Senate. Open to all STC employees. Register here: <https://apps.esc1.net/ProfessionalDevelopment/STC/Registration/Workshop/221263>

Faculty Senate contact information link: <https://tinyurl.com/r6jv6sxy>

Visit our website, <https://academicaffairs.southtexascollege.edu/facsenate/>, for the latest newsletters and Faculty Senate Podcast updates. The February Podcast focuses on senators' duties and our guest speaker was Dr. Emma Miller from the Bachelors Division.

-Sylvia L. Flores, FS President

Academic Year 2021-22 Goals and Updates:

A: Pay Raise-A motion was submitted to Dr. Solis, STC President and Administration. The focus was on step increases. The Faculty Senate was asked to be patient as these matters are further researched.

B. Increase Faculty Senate Presence through Trainings-The Executive Committee will focus on providing informative trainings to increase nominations, participation, and awareness of what the Faculty Senate is about.

Volunteer Opportunities: Constituents are always welcome to join any Faculty Senate Committees. Constituents include Adjunct Faculty, Lecturers, Dual Enrollment Faculty, and Regular Full-Time Faculty.

The Faculty Senate Academic Classification Committee, chaired by faculty senator Jaclyn Miller, would welcome additional constituents to join efforts to research classification procedures at other colleges and help craft proposals for STC's policy.

The Newsletter & Podcast Committee, chaired by Sylvia L. Flores, FS President, needs more representatives from the BPST Division, NAH Division, Bachelors Divisions, and the MSIT Division.

The Student Support Committee, chaired by Sylvia L. Flores, FS President, needs more representatives from all divisions and across campuses.

The Salary & Benefits committee, chaired by Aaron Wilson, FS President-Elect, and the Faculty Senate Constitution Committee, chaired by FS Parliamentarian Mark Murray, do not currently need additional members, but welcome input and questions from interested faculty.

Committees can always be created to address certain issues, such as the Student Support Committee that was created at the November Faculty Senate Meeting. However, we often lack participation from constituents, including Adjunct Faculty, Lecturers, Dual Enrollment Faculty, and Regular Full-Time Faculty. If you're interested, please reach out to the Faculty Senate by using this email account: facultysenate@southtexascollege.edu or you can email your individual senators by using this contact information link: <https://tinyurl.com/r6jv6sxy>