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Faculty Senate Updates

The senate was focused on salary and benefits concerns, support is needed for a tenure survey and feedback from adjuncts and lecturers. The Student Support Committee will be collecting donations to help students in need and host discussions to better understand the need for student extensions and faculty work and life balance. Lastly, faculty are encouraged to contact Mark Murray, FS Parliamentarian, if interested in joining the Faculty Senate for the Academic Years, 2022-2024.

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

Updates Continued:

Dr. Solis continues to reach out to the Senate to stay in contact and increase shared governance.

As of March 2022, trainings for the second stipend have been initiated. Reach out to the senate with any questions.

The COVID team are in the process of purchasing at home tests.

Please contact a senator if you or anyone you know is interested in participating in the graduation ceremonies as a Master of Ceremony or Sconce Holder. Senators will vote online on Friday, April 8th. Please submit nominations by Thursday, April 7th.

Faculty Senate contact information link: <https://tinyurl.com/yckm8j4s>

Visit our website, <https://academicaffairs.southtexascollege.edu/facsenate/>, for the latest newsletters and Faculty Senate Podcast updates. The April Podcast will focus on constituents and we are seeking participants. Please reach out to me if you are interested.

-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.

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 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, chaired by faculty senator Wendi J. W. Williams, would welcome additional constituents to join efforts to research college wide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion needs to better assist our students.

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 to create informative and ADA compliant newsletters and podcasts for constituents.

The Student Support Committee, chaired by Sylvia L. Flores, FS President, needs more representatives from all divisions and across campuses to collect donations, host discussions, and support student success.

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 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee that was created at the Faculty Senate Meeting in March. 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/yckm8j4s>