WHAT IS THE FACULTY SENATE?

- 120 faculty members, elected by their peers
- Representing each college (including Galveston and Qatar)
- Mission: to foster a community of mutual respect and cooperation within the university; to facilitate effective faculty participation in academic governance; to broaden communication in matters of concern to the university; and to engage the faculty's skills in the guidance of the university's programs.
WHO CAN BE A SENATOR?

- Faculty employed by Texas A&M
- Appointment is person’s primary long-term position
- Employed on College Station or one of the branch campuses (Galveston, Qatar, the HSC colleges and the School of Law)
- Annual FTE of 0.75
WHO CAN BE A SENATOR?

Exceptions:

- Adjunct positions
- Assistant lecturers
- Lab instructors
- Veterinary intern instructor
- Veterinary resident instructor
Faculty members are nominated by the faculty in their college (self-nominations are accepted)

Number/seats per college determined by apportionment (every three years)

Ballots are sent to all eligible voting members

Nominations and voting occur annually in April

Senators serve three year terms

1/3 of senators elected each year
WHAT DOES THE SENATE DO?

- Review University policies and regulations dealing with:
  - curricula, instruction, academic standards (admissions, graduation, retention);
  - scholarships & honors; and
  - the hiring, retention, tenure, promotion and evaluation of academic personnel.
WHAT DOES THE SENATE DO?

Advise on:
- overall educational policy & planning;
- university development and utilization of resources;
- evaluations and appointments of administrators;
- physical plant and facilities affecting educational objectives;
- establishment/reorganization/discontinuation of organizational units and areas of instruction;
- university calendar; and
- other matters pertaining to the general welfare of the university.
WHAT DOES THE SENATE DO?

- Forum for discussion and debate of any issue vital to Texas A&M; meant to garner faculty opinions and transmit those to the appropriate person.

- Publish the minutes of its meetings and present a report annually to the faculty.
WHEN DOES THE SENATE MEET?

- Faculty Senate meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in College Station
- 3:15pm in 601 Rudder Tower
- TTVN capabilities for the off site locations
SENATE COMMITTEES

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

*Appointed*
- Academic Affairs Committee
- Budget Information Committee
- Core Curriculum Council
- Government Relations Committee
- Planning Committee
- Research Committee
- Workplace Climate & Diversity Committee

*Elected*
- Bylaws Committee
- Caucus Leaders
- Elections Committee
- Executive Committee
- Recognition & Awards Committee

**REPORTING COMMITTEES**

- Committee on Emeritus Status
- Graduate Council
- Honors Program Advisory Committee
- International Programs Committee
- Library Councils
- University Library Council
- Medical Sciences Library Council
- Rules & Regulations Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- Undergraduate Admissions Advisory Committee

**Each committee meets at different times, usually Monday or Wednesday afternoons**
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