

**Officers and Committee Chairs of the Faculty Senate  
October 21, 2021**

**President: Julia Ballenger  
President Elect: Yasemin Atinc  
Secretary: Samantha Klassen  
Treasurer: Brandon Randolph-Seng**

The President holds office for two years. After completing the two-year term of office, a President serves an additional year as President-past. The President will have voice in the meetings of the Faculty Senate at any time that he/she desires by calling to the chair the President-elect of the Senate. The President will vote in the case of a tie. During the President's first year, the President-past performs the duties and functions of a President-elect. A new President-elect is elected in accordance with 3.1.3 at the April meeting of a President's first year.

The President-elect will become President after one year's service as President-elect or upon a vacancy in the Office of the President. A vacancy in the Office of President-elect will be filled by the Faculty Senate at its next meeting. The President-elect of the Faculty Senate will call and preside at all meetings of the Faculty Senate in the absence of the President and will preside over all meetings when the President vacates the chair and calls the President-elect to preside.

The Recording Secretary will keep full and faithful minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; present a written transcript of such to each member of the Faculty Senate and faculty. Additionally, the secretary will transmit, communications to or from the Faculty Senate, and all other records directed to kept by the Faculty Senate; and make Faculty Senate documents readily available to any member of the Faculty Senate, Faculty, The University President, The Texas A&M University System, or member of the A&M System Board of Regents.

The Secretary will transmit to each member of the Faculty Senate and faculty promptly, and in writing the call agenda of each meeting as presented by the President; and transmit to each Faculty Senate Officer and other as required, communication from the President.

6. 3.2.6 The Parliamentarian will be knowledgeable in parliamentary procedure and will advise, when requested, the President upon matters concerning parliamentary procedure. In the absence of the parliamentarian, the President will ask another instructed member to act in this position.
7. 3.2.7 The Treasurer will be knowledgeable of financial matters, especially those of the Senate. The Treasurer will maintain the budget apportioned to the Senate and will make

annual reports of the expenditures incurred by the Senate, its Officers, and its members.

### **Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate**

**Academic Life** – current chair: Michael Ponton

**Academic Life** will study matters relating to the well-being of the faculty, including tenure, promotion, compensation and raises, fringe benefits, and interdepartmental/intercollegiate relationships.

**Academic Practice** – current chair: Stephen Starnes

**Academic Practice** will evaluate matters relating to academic practice, instruction, testing and grading, faculty and administrative performance, research and grants, graduation requirements and recognition of students for scholastic performance.

**Admission and Retention of Students** – current chair: Bob Williams

**Admission and Retention of Students** will review proposals relating to the recruitment, admission, retention and dismissal of students.

**Budget** – current chair: Johanna Delgado-Acevedo

Ignore the description of the committee below, it needs to be changed as BRDC no longer exists.

**Budget** will monitor the implementation and participate in the evaluation of the current year's university budget and will inform the faculty on budgetary matters. It will survey the faculty through questionnaires, open hearings, and/or other means to learn the faculty's goals and priorities for the coming year(s) and will use the information gathered in this process to develop recommendations for university priorities consistent with those goals. Its recommendations will be forwarded to the Budget Review and Development Council for its use in developing university goals. The Senate will be represented on the Budget Review and Development Council by the chair of the Budget Committee and by one other senator elected by the Senate at the meeting during which Senate officers for the coming year are elected. The committee will participate in each state of the university budget process, either through its chair or through the chair's designee(s) from the Budget Committee. **(still need to change this language)**

**Curriculum** – current chair: Benton Pierce

**Curriculum** will evaluate course offerings and general requirements for graduation, recommending, additions, deletions and modifications where deemed appropriate.

**Faculty Awards** – current chair: Hongmei Jia

**Faculty Awards** will develop guidelines, establish and implement the selection process and provide for recognition of recipients referred to the committee.

**Organization of the Senate** – current chair: Zachery Palmer

**Organization of the Senate** will consider proposals relating to changes in the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules of the Senate, or proposals for measures, which will improve the operations and procedures of the Senate.

**University Facilities and Scheduling** – current chair: Tina Greaves Lancaster

**University Facilities and Scheduling** will consider all issues that relate to facilities and scheduling, including such matters as registration (on- campus, off-campus, and pre-registration), scheduling of classes, scheduling of various regular events and the use and scheduling of facilities.