



THE FACULTY SENATE

The Faculty Senate reviews all policies dealing with curricula and instruction; academic standards including admissions, graduation and retention, scholarships, honors and other forms of student distinction; and hiring, retention, tenure, promotion and evaluation of academic personnel. The Faculty Senate reports directly to the President of Texas A&M University and advises on the following:

- Overall educational policy and planning
- Policies affecting university development and utilization of resources
- Policies and procedures dealing with selection and evaluation of administrators
- Physical plant and facilities affecting educational objectives
- Establishment, reorganization, or discontinuation of organizational units and areas of instruction or research
- University calendar
- Other matters pertaining to the general welfare of the university

The Faculty Senate also serves as a forum for discussion and debate of any issue vital to Texas A&M University. It garners faculty opinions and transmits those opinions to the appropriate person. The Faculty Senate usually meets on the second Monday of each month at 3:15 p.m. in Rudder Tower. There are currently 100 Senators elected by Colleges on the basis of one Senator for each 24 faculty members. The primary work of the Senate is carried out by the following committees:

Standing Committees

Academic Affairs Committee
Budget Information Committee
Bylaws Committee
Committee on Committees
Election Committee
Executive Committee
Personnel & Welfare Committee
Planning Committee
Research Committee

Reporting Committees

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

Other Committees of the Faculty Senate

Ad Hoc Legislative Affairs Subcommittee (EC)
Caucus Leaders Committee (EC)
Core Curriculum Council (AAC)
International Programs Subcommittee (EC)

The Speaker presides at monthly Senate meetings as well as Executive Committee meetings. The Speaker is the chief spokesperson of the Senate and meets regularly with the President and other officers of Texas A&M University.

ELECTED OFFICERS
Bob Bednarz, Speaker
Bob Strawser, Speaker-Elect
Walter Daugherty, Secretary-Treasurer

Assistant to the Faculty Senate
Marilyn Willie

Admin Assistant
Vanessa Foster

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Elected Officers (see above) and 6 Members at Large

Michael Benedik, Member at Large
Eluned Jones, Member at Large
Andrew Klein, Member at Large

Guido Kanschat, Member at Large
Elizabeth Tebeaux, Member at Large
Tom Woodfin, Member at Large

STANDING COMMITTEES

Appointed

Academic Affairs
Budget Information
Personnel & Welfare
Planning
Research
Core Curriculum Council
Legislative Affairs Subcommittee

Elected

Bylaws
Caucus Leaders
Committee on Committees
Election
Executive Committee

Subcommittees-Appointed

Diversity Subcommittee

CAUCUS LEADERS

Agriculture:	Eluned Jones
Architecture:	Tom Woodfin
Bush:	Joe Cerami
Business:	Ramona Paetzold
Education:	Melinda Grant
Engineering:	Sam Mannan
Galveston:	TBD
Geosciences:	Andrew Klein
Liberal Arts:	TBD
Libraries:	Joe Jaros
Qatar:	TBD
Science:	Guido Kanschat
Vet Medicine:	Lynn Ruoff

REPORTING COMMITTEES

Emeritus Status
Graduate Council
Evans Library Council
Honors Program Advisory
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