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 28 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
- Core Curriculum Council
- Election Committee
- Executive Committee
- Legislative Affairs Committee
- Personnel & Welfare Committee
- Planning Committee
- Research Committee
- Workplace Climate & Diversity

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

### Other Committees of the Faculty Senate
- Caucus Leaders Committee (EC)
- Diversity 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**

Speaker  
Speaker-Elect  
Secretary-Treasurer

Assistant to the Faculty Senate

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Elected Officers and Six Members at Large

*Ex-Officio Members*

Dean of Faculties and Former Speaker

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*Elected*

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- Executive Committee

*Subcommittees-Appointed*

- Diversity Subcommittee

**CAUCUSES**

- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Bush
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Galveston
- Geosciences
- Liberal Arts
- Libraries
- Qatar
- Science
- Vet Medicine

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