



Faculty Senate Newsletter

May 3, 2024

Meeting Recaps



At the **February 14 Faculty Senate meeting**, Senators marked the one-year anniversary of the Agnes Arnold Hall tragedies by observing a minute of silence to remember community members lost to suicide. President Renu Khator discussed delays at the federal level relating to the FAFSA process that could lead to deadline changes for the university. She also fielded questions about information in her [February announcement](#), which detailed upcoming budget cuts and decisions relating to the second stage of market-based equity adjustments. UH Associate

Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs Jim Briggs and Senior Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Diane Z. Chase shared a presentation about the new Faculty Annual Performance Review Policy (F-APR), crafted in accordance with SB-18.

At the **March 20 Senate meeting**, President Khator commemorated the recent passing of Welcome Wilson Sr. and shared that 100% of the students in the first class of the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine were matched with residencies on their Match Day on March 15. Senators were reminded to [create and share their ORCID research identifier](#). UH System Vice Chancellor and Vice President for Student Affairs Paul Kittle introduced himself and, with his team, shared a [presentation](#) from the [UH Center for Student Advocacy and Community](#) and the [Cougar Cupboard](#). UH Veteran Services also discussed the services they offer the UH Veteran community. Dr. Marti Trummer-Cabrera gave a [UH Mental Health Update Presentation](#) from UH Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).



At the **April 17 Spring Faculty Assembly and Senate Meeting**, Senators heard Provost Chase's end-of-year presentation, entitled *Year One at UH: Insights and Opportunities*. Provost Chase noted the collaborative nature of Cougar culture and highlighted collective accomplishments in areas of student success, faculty recognition, and instructional support. She also spoke about enrollment challenges and fielded questions from faculty about maintaining motivation for continued growth and development in a time of financial cuts. Dr. Claudia Neuhauser, Interim Vice President and Vice Chancellor for Research shared that the [UH Division of Research \(DOR\)](#) continues to make progress in filling staff positions and in improving

efficiency in invoicing and other procedural areas. Chair of the Faculty Governance Committee (FGC), David Shattuck announced the results of the Senate elections and moved to delay the announcement of Executive Committee candidates until the May Faculty Senate meeting. Senators also heard updates from CAPS and were provided [links to available mental health awareness trainings](#).

Announcements

Submit Your Response to the 2024 Faculty Climate Survey

Deadline Extended to May 14 - The Faculty Climate Survey is an important means for UH faculty to provide critical input that will shape the Senate's future priorities. See your UH email inbox for more information and a link to the survey. If you have questions or trouble accessing the survey, contact the Faculty Senate at fsenate@central.uh.edu.

Attend the Next Faculty Senate Meeting

May 8, 12pm – The next Faculty Senate Meeting will take place on May 8 in the Rockwell Pavilion in the MD Anderson Library. Hear updates from administration, learn about the slate of candidates for next year's Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and congratulate the Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Service recipient.

2024 Spring Election Results

Over the past weeks, UH Faculty have elected or re-elected colleagues to 45 open seats on the Undergraduate Committee (UC), Graduate and Professional Studies Committee (GPSC), Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC), and at-large seats. Congratulations to these new and returning Senators! Keep an eye on your inboxes and on the Faculty Senate Website to see other election results, including those for the 2024-25 Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design

Dietmar Froehlich	GPSC
Mili Kyropoulou	RSC

C.T. Bauer College of Business

Alan Lish, Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship	At-Large
Barbara Carlin, Management	UC

Cullen College of Engineering

Peggy Lindner, IST	At-Large
David Shattuck, ECE	At-Large
Dmitri Litvinov, ECE	RSC
Fatima Merchant, ET	RSC
Jack (Yunpeng) Zhang, IST	RSC

Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership

Juan Madera	GPSC
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College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Chin-Yo Lin	GPSC
Bernhard Bodmann	RSC
Rebecca Forrest	UC
Brigitte Dauwalder	At-Large
Donna Pattison	At-Large
Rob Stewart	At-Large

College of Pharmacy

MariVi Tejada-Simon, PPS	At-Large
Vincent Tam, PPTR	RSC
Doug Thornton, PHOP	RSC

Research Centers & Institutes

Jakoah Brgoch, Cnt. for Superconductivity	RSC
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Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Amanda Cachia, Art	GPSC
Kalliope Vlahos, Theatre	UC

The Honors College

Rita Sharp	At-Large
Daniel Price	RSC

College of Education

Margaret Hale, CUIN	At-Large
April Peters-Hawkins, ELPS	At-Large
Nathan Smith, PHLS	At-Large
Theresa Fedor Amador, PHLS	UC

Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine

Gregorio Gomez	At-Large
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College of Optometry

Jason Porter	GPSC
Lisa Ostrin	RSC
Ruth Manny	At-Large
Chi Nguyen	At-Large

Andy & Barbara Gessner College of Nursing

Danielle Quintana	RSC
Deborah Smith	UC

UH Research Faculty

Munenori Ishibashi, OPT	RSC
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College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Melissa Markofski, HHP	At-Large
Sofia Gellon, Hispanic Studies	UC
David Womble, ENGL	UC
Kelly Hopkins, HIST	At-Large
Christina Sisk, Hispanic Studies	At-Large
Hildegard Glass, MCL	At-Large
Alexey Golubev, HIST	RSC
Alex Badas, POLSCI	RSC
Leigh Leasure, PSYC	RSC