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Faculty Senate



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SB 18 UPDATE

Binding Legislation as of
January 1, 2024



Expanded SB 18 Committee Charge

As stated in The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, UTSA seeks to provide, promote, and sustain a landscape that is conducive to sharing, extending, and critically examining knowledge and values, and to furthering intellectual discourse. The success of these central functions requires that faculty members be free within their respective fields of competence to pursue and teach the critical examination of knowledge and values in accord with appropriate standards of scholarly inquiry.

This committee is charged with reviewing UT System and UTSA policies and procedures related to a faculty member's ability to pursue research, scholarship and teaching within their respective fields of study and shared governance. The committee will recommend revisions to existing policies and procedures or propose the creation of new policies and practices, with the goal of clarifying and codifying a faculty member's ability to pursue knowledge as it relates to academic freedom and administrative actions or decisions. The group may also make a recommendation related to communicating policy or practice changes so a shared understanding exists among students, faculty, and staff.

SB 18 UPDATE

- The SB Committee consists of deans, department chairs, and faculty senators across all the Colleges, as well as two Academic Affairs facilitators.
- The committee has received guidance from UT System.
- The group is meeting every two weeks during January and February and plans to deliver recommended policy updates in early March, which will then go through our normal shared governance processes and System approval.

UTSA's National Impact Travel Award

Support for faculty & staff travel to enhance pedagogical skills and showcase the university's accomplishments on a national scale

- » Open to T/TT and FTT faculty and college or academic support division staff
- » Reimbursement up to \$2,000 for full-time FTT faculty with no matching funds required by the sponsoring college or support unit.
- » Reimbursement up to \$1,500 for T/TT faculty & staff with a maximum of \$1,000 if the college or support division provides \$500 through a 2:1 fund matching model.



Staff nominations now open

Nominate your staff for their hard work, contributions and excellence!

Faculty and staff University Excellence Award winners will be announced at the ceremony in April.



Learn more at: utsa.edu/excellenceawards/staff/

Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award Nominations

Awards recognize faculty with a commitment to teaching excellence.

January 10, 2024:

Call for nominations from UT System

February 22, 2024:

Deadline for colleges to email the names of their nominees (maximum of 1 T/TT faculty, and 1 FTT faculty) to facultyawards@utsa.edu.

Learn more at:

utsa.edu/excellenceawards/faculty/external-awards/regents-outstanding.html



CELEBRATE TEACHING WEEK

UTSA.ADTS



February 19 – 23, 2024

Multiple events are planned throughout the week to celebrate our exceptional faculty!

Learn more at:

provost.utsa.edu/adts/celebrate-teaching-week.html



Teaching Showcase: Feb. 22

Call for Applications:

Share your active learning teaching technique with your colleagues!

Deadline to apply: Jan 19

Co-sponsored by ADTS and the division of Academic Innovation

Learn more at:

provost.utsa.edu/adts/teaching-resources/teaching-showcase.html





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Save the Date

President Eighmy invites you to attend his
2024 State of the University
presentation and panel discussion

Monday, January 22, 2024
9:00 A.M.
Buena Vista Theater

Learn more at:

utsa.edu/president/event/sotu.html



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