



There is cautious optimism that there will be no additional budget cuts or major changes in budgets. President White asked the legislature for equity funding (i.e. closer to same level as other campuses in Texas), funding for a Homeland Security Institute (CJ) and two tuition revenue bonds: one for an Allied Health Sciences building, and another for an Active Learning Center.

The Chair & Chair Elect attended the Texas Council of Faculty Senates conference (with the guest speaker) on October 15, 2011. Further commentary will be given later.

The Chair announced that the

Senate approve and move the proposal forward. The motion was adopted. Included in the discussion was the topic of workload for faculty performing administrative duties

Senator Moore, on behalf of the Committee on Committees, presented language to be added to the Faculty Preference Survey regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion in the form of an extra survey question. University Committees and Faculty Senate are involved in discussions, decisionmaking processes, and crafting recommendations that impact staff, faculty, and/or students with various backgrounds and identities. If you feel comfortable doing so, briefly describe any experience or aspects of your background or identity that would help you advocate as a committee representative or Faculty Senator for consideration of diversity, equity, and inclusion in your service work. Our answers to this and the other survey questions will be kept confidential. There was also some discussion about adding committee descriptions in the survey, as well as an idea of how much work the committee requires

Announcement:

The Chair asked that senators send the tentative May 6 Senate meeting date