

ROUND UP REPORT
Texas State University-San Marcos
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Texas State University-San Marcos is classified as a public, doctoral granting institution and is the largest institution in the Texas State University System and is the fifth largest institution, based on enrollment, in the State of Texas. The Spring 2010 enrollment is 30,816 students, representing a 5.9% increase in enrollment overall, a 4.8% increase in undergraduate enrollment, and a 12.1% increase in graduate enrollment. Texas State offers 101 bachelor's, 88 master's, and 9 doctoral degree programs offered by the following Colleges: Applied Arts, McCoy College of Business Administration, Education, Fine Arts and Communication, Health Professions, Liberal Arts, Science, University College, and the Graduate College. Thirty-two percent of Texas State students are ethnic minorities and Texas State is ranked 16th in the nation for the number of degrees granted to Hispanic undergraduate students. Our undergraduate Hispanic FTE has reached 24.3% and we are very close to achieving the criteria necessary to be classified as a Hispanic Serving Institution. The University is seeking status as an emerging research institution in the State of Texas.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the doctoral program in Criminal Justice for fall 2009, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for fall 2010, and the bachelor degree in Concrete Industry Management for spring 2009. Preliminary approval has been obtained for a doctoral degree in Materials Science and Engineering.

Texas State has approximately \$149 million allocated to major construction and renovation which is either approved or in progress. In progress projects include: Tomas Rivera Drive Relocation and Student Center Drive Realignment, Alkek Library 7th Floor Wittliff Gallery, Theatre Renovation, Matthews Street Parking Garage, Bobcat Stadium West Expansion, RRHEC Nursing Building, Family and Consumer Sciences, Undergraduate Academic Center, and Campus Bike Path – Spring Lake. Five buildings are in the programming stage: Health Professions 1 (RRHEC), Music Building (San Marcos Campus), Health Professions 2 (RRHEC), Engineering and Science Building (San Marcos Campus), and the Alumni Visitors Center. Additional information regarding campus construction and renovation can be found at: http://www.fss.txstate.edu/planning/fac_pln/construction.html.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The Faculty Senate is a body of approximately fifteen faculty members elected by the faculty voters to represent proportionally the faculty members of each college. Each Senator serves a three year term. Officers include the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Secretary. The 51st Faculty Senate (2009-2010 academic year) has the following composition:

<u>College</u>	<u>Number of Senators</u>
Liberal Arts	4
Science	3
Education	2
Fine Arts and Communication	2
McCoy College of Business Administration	1
Applied Arts	1
Health Professions	1

In addition, each department not represented by a Senator is represented by a Faculty Senate Liaison. The Faculty Senate meets weekly. The Faculty Senate has a joint meeting with the Council of Academic Deans annually and another with the Faculty Liaisons annually. Additionally, once a month, the Faculty Senate meets with the President of the University, Dr. Denise Trauth.

MAJOR ISSUES RELATING TO THE FACULTY, FACULTY GOVERNANCE, AND SHARED GOVERNANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY

Our 2009-2010 academic year goals include:

- exploration of the University's practices on calculation of major and minor grade point averages
- completion of efforts to standardize processes and procedures for committee appointments
- revision of the Honor Code policy and procedure statement
- active participation of the Faculty Senate in the SACS reaffirmation process

In general, many concerns on campus are regarding space and the stresses of significantly increased enrollment, both at the undergraduate and the graduate level, and increasing research and scholarly activity.

SPECIAL TOPICS

Describe financial exigency policies and procedures that are in place at your university.

In the event of financial exigency a special committee is formed to advise the administration on necessary cuts to faculty and programs.

Identify the strategies used at your university/college to address the 5% rescission order that came from the Governor's office.

The university is accommodating the 5% budget cut by admitting additional students to the university. This relieves the financial impact, but aggravates our physical space shortage. Currently the most critical problem on our campus is space. Low priority programs are being discontinued to reclaim the space they occupy. To date this has been non-degree granting programs.