



TEXAS COUNCIL OF
FACULTY SENATES

Texas Council of Faculty Senates

A Federation of Texas Faculty Governance

Fall 2025 Meeting

Embassy Suites – Austin Central

Agave A&B

Friday, September 19, 2025

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Getting to Know TCFS for New Members

1:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.

Welcome – TCFS, AAUP, TAFT, and TFA Presidents

- Tabitha Morton, TCFS President
- Brian Evans, Texas AAUP-AFT President
- Zeph Capo, Texas American Federation of Teachers President
- Pat Heintzelman, Texas Faculty Association President

1:15 P.M. – 2:25 P.M.

Topic: Shared Governance Under SB 37: Implementation, Survey Insights, and Next Steps

Presenters:

- Brian Evans, Texas AAUP-AFT
- Tabitha Morton, TCFS

Format:

- 20 minutes – Overview of University System Implementation of SB 37 & Faculty Survey Data
- 15 minutes – Discussion of Fall 2025 Plans (Sec. 51.3522: Faculty Council or Senate)
- 15 minutes – Discussion of Spring 2026 Plans (Implementation of Jan. 1, 2026 Sections)
- 20 minutes – Moderated Q&A with Faculty Governance Leaders

2:25 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Break

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Topic: Practical Tools for Faculty Governance Beyond Faculty Senates

Panelists:

- Teresa Klein, Texas AAUP-AFT VP
- Scott Johnson, TAMU-CC
- One TCFS member

Focus:

- Developing governance bylaws (departments, colleges/schools, centers, universities)
- Organizing town halls and faculty forums
- Engaging provosts, presidents, regents, and accreditors
- Training on academic freedom and governance
- Documenting faculty experiences
- Working with student/staff governments and alumni groups
- Collaborating with AAUP chapters and Texas AAUP-AFT

Outcome:

- Draft campus-level action plans (with input from AAUP campus chapters)
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3:30 P.M. – 3:35 P.M.

Break

3:35 P.M. – 4:35 P.M.

Roundup Reports

4:35 P.M. – 4:40 P.M.

Break

4:40 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Roundup Roundtables

In-person roundtables:

1. SB 37 faculty senates
 2. SB 37 faculty senates (two because it will be the hottest topic)
 3. SB 37 curriculum micromanagement & faculty expression on committees (effective Jan. 1, 2026)
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4. Faculty governance beyond faculty senates
5. SB 2972 on expressive activities on campus
6. SB 2615 on remote work

Virtual roundtables will be hosted via Zoom breakout rooms.

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

University Systems Meetings / Lounge

7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Banquet & Featured Speaker

Dr. Ruth J. Simmons

- 8th President of Prairie View A&M University, retired
 - 18th President of Brown University, retired
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Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:00 A.M. – 10:10 A.M.

Business Meeting

Agenda:

- Approve Minutes from Spring 2025
 - Treasurer's Report
 - New Business
 - Systemwide and Statewide Advocacy After SB 37
 - Community Colleges and TCFS Membership
 - Meeting Evaluation
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10:10 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

Meeting Recap and Next Steps

10:50 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Texas AAUP-AFT Fall Meeting (Agave C)

- All TCFS members are invited to join.
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