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Spring Meeting Agenda

February 27-28, 2026

San Antonio, Texas

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27,
2026**

12:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Welcome – TCFS, TFA, and AUUP Presidents <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tabitha Morton, Ph.D. TCFS Presidentpresident@txfacultysenates.org• Zeph Capo Texas American Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO, zcapo@texasaft.org• Pat Heintzelman Ph.D. Texas Faculty Association, Texas State Teachers Association, NEA; tfa.president@texasfacultyassociation.org• Brian Evans, Ph.D. Texas Conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Texas AFT, AFT, AFL-CIO; aaup.texas@gmail.com
1:00 P.M. – 1:25 P.M.	Topic: AAUP Updates Feature Speaker: Brian Evans Texas AAUP-AFT President Description: In this presentation Dr. Evans will provide a update on key AAUP developments, highlighting recent policy positions, advocacy priorities, and statewide trends shaping academic freedom and shared governance. increasingly complex higher-education landscape.
1:25 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Break

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	<p>Featured Talk: Academic Freedom Under Constraint: Teaching, Governance, and The Politics of Higher Education</p> <p>Feature Speaker: Todd Wolfson, Ph.D. AAUP President</p> <p>Description: This featured talk situates recent Texas legislation within a broader national shift toward increased regulation of academic speech and curriculum, examining the implications for academic freedom, shared governance, and faculty leadership.</p>
2:30 P.M. – 2:35 P.M.	Break
2:35 P.M. – 3:35 P.M.	<p>Panel: Academic Freedom Under Constraint: Teaching, Governance, and Compliance in the Era of SB 37 and SB 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Peterson, Ph.D. Texas A&M University-College Station • Antonio Ingram Senior Counsel at the Legal Defense Fund • Daniel Morales, J.D. University of Houston • Moderator: Polly Strong
3:35 P.M. – 3:40 P.M.	Break
3:40 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.	<p>Roundup Reports</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Censorship and Content Control • Artificial Intelligence • Academic Freedom and Shared Governance • Accreditation and Compliance
4:15 P.M. – 4:20 P.M.	Break
4:20 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	Roundup Roundtables
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	University Systems Meetings/Lounge
7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	<p>BANQUET</p> <p>Featured Speaker: Dr. Michael J. Benedik</p> <p>Bio: Dr. Benedik is a Regents Professor of Biology at Texas A&M University whose distinguished career spans internationally recognized research in molecular microbiology and decades of faculty leadership, including service as Faculty Senate Speaker, Faculty Ombuds Officer, Vice Provost, and Chief International Officer.</p>

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY
28, 2026**

9:00 A.M. – 10:30A.M.

Business Meeting: Agenda

- Approve minutes from Fall 2025
- Treasurer’s Report
- New Business
- Elections
 - * President-Elect
 - * Northeast Region VP
 - * West Region VP
- Adjournment

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