

MEMORANDUM

To: All TTU Faculty
From: Seshadri (Ram) Ramkumar, President, Faculty Senate
RE: **Amended Faculty Senate Constitution**
Date: May 14, 2021

On May 13, 2021, Texas Tech University System's Board of Regents approved the amended constitution of Faculty Senate. With this action, the amended constitution becomes official effective May 13, 2021.

Newly adopted constitution can be found at:

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/senate/docs/Constitution-May132021.pdf>

On April 16, 2021, tenured and tenure-track faculty joined via Zoom to make a momentous decision as an exercise to showcase inclusivity. Such a gathering of TTU faculty has not happened in 25 years to amend the constitution of the Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate's constitution was amended with overwhelming majority to expand the representation to non-tenure/tenure-track faculty with continuing appointments (CA). CA is defined in Operating Policy 32.34 (<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/opmanual/OP32.34.pdf>).

The April 16th meeting stemmed out of the action of Faculty Senate, which on Feb. 10, 2021, unanimously voted to amend the constitution.

I sincerely thank my faculty colleagues for their support to amend the constitution and welcome our colleagues with continuing appointments to the Senate. It has been a stressful year and we have collectively achieved this milestone.

On behalf of faculty, I thank President Lawrence Schovanec and Provost Michael Galyean for their continued support for shared governance, which has enabled us to work on several initiatives during the academic year 2020-21, amidst the pandemic.

I wish a safe summer and hope that we will return to normalcy when we begin a new academic year (2021-22). Thank you for making TTU a great place to work.