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From: Jeffrey Anderson
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Dear Faculty,

Welcome back! I hope your spring semester is off to a great start.

By way of update from the Faculty Senate, the following details some of our noteworthy doings during our January 16 meeting:

- Welcoming a new member, Heather Pilcher – The senate approved the appointment of Heather Pilcher to fill the role of a departing senator for the library.
- Revision to the performance adjustment raise section of the faculty handbook – At the request of the provost, the faculty senate revised the performance adjustment raise section of the faculty handbook to specify its application to those with the ranks of full professor, full clinical professor, and senior lecturer.
- Constitution and Bylaws revision – The senate approved a proposal to adjust the ratio of faculty per senator from 20:1 to 15:1. In addition, it tabled a proposal to modify the definition of those eligible for the senate pending further deliberation.
- Policy review – The senate received the In-Person Course Policy, which seeks to guarantee that students in face-to-face programs have at least 75 percent of their required classes in a face-to-face or hyflex model. The policy has been distributed to the senators with a request for feedback by the close of business on Thursday, January 23.
- Visit from Staff Senate President Dana Mejia – We had the pleasure of welcoming Dana Mejia to share with the Faculty Senate some of the activities of the Staff Senate and to begin working toward some opportunities for collaboration.
- Senate budget use – We ended by considering several options for use of the senate's budget, including sponsoring training opportunities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your faculty senator. If you would rather comment anonymously or simply prefer electronic communication, feel free to contact us by clicking on the Contact the Faculty Senate icon at <https://www.ulm.edu/facultysenate/index.html>. Some other useful links are as follow:

- Minutes – <https://www.ulm.edu/facultysenate/meetings.html>
- Standing Committees - <https://www.ulm.edu/facultysenate/committees.html>

Have a great semester!

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Anderson
Faculty Senate President