



Texas Council of Faculty Senates

Dear Faculty Senate/Council/Assembly Officer:

We are the officers of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates (TCFS - <http://www.txfacultysenates.org/>) representing faculty governance organizations of nearly 40 public universities in Texas. This email is an invitation broadcast to nearly 500 email addresses (gleaned from websites from public university .edu sites from all 50 states) to attend the initial interest/organizational meeting of a new national organization: **The National Council of Faculty Senates**.

Dovetailed with our regular Fall meeting, TCFS is happy to host discussions which explore the feasibility, need, and interest of creating a National Council of Faculty Senates. The proposed organizational meeting is

-2-

scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018, here in Austin, Texas.

There are a few states with organizations such as the Texas Council of Faculty Senates. These include Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, and Tennessee. There may exist a void at the national level where an organization of the stature of faculty governance organizations could bring common matters of interest (e.g., RPD 20-24 in Wisconsin) to the table and convey meaningful solutions with a larger voice. This is an example of one of many topics we can come together to discuss.

To encourage participation, the first five Faculty Senate/Council/Assembly Officers from distinct universities outside of Texas to confirm their attendance at the meeting at TCFS@txfacultyssenates.org will have their Saturday night hotel rooms comped. However, no shows will have to reimburse the TCFS for the unused room.

We hope you are amenable to sharing your thoughts and seriously consider attending the October Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting to explore the future reach of faculty governance organizations in the United

-3-

States. If you are unable to attend, but would like to stay informed, please provide us with your preferred contact information.

Sincerely,

Jim Woosley, President, TAMU-College Station

Wynne Chin, President-Elect, University of Houston

**Trevor Hale, Vice President, University of Houston
Downtown**

Joey Velasco, Vice President, Sul Ross University, Alpine

**Ludovic Sourdot, Vice President, Texas Woman's
University**

**Bobbette Morgan, Vice President, University of Texas Rio
Grande Valley**

Alba Ortiz, Treasurer, University of Texas, Austin

The Officers of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates



