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Faculty Senate

The Forum for Professors at UTA

"An Elected Legislative and Deliberative Faculty Body Whose Primary Purpose is to Represent UT Arlington Faculty"

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Dear UT Arlington Faculty

As we face this difficult new challenge and the many questions that arise from it, I am writing to let you know that the Faculty Senate and its committees are continuing to work to represent your interests to the university administration. For example, the Executive Committee has met either in person or virtually several times over the past two weeks to address pressing issues. The Presidential Advisory Committee (PAC) had its regular monthly meeting virtually via Teams earlier this week. The Presidential Advisory Committee will have special weekly meetings going forward until further notice in order to ensure that communication operates as smoothly as possible. Senate meetings will be held virtually on Teams for the remainder of the spring semester.

Although this is but a small measure of normalcy in a chaotic time, we hope that it goes some way to assuring you that you still have active representation as faculty members at UT Arlington. We know that faculty, like students, have many things on their minds right now. Not only are you suddenly having to teach, run and participate in virtual meetings and classrooms, redesign courses mid-semester, and conduct all your business in an entirely online environment, but many are possibly doing that while children are at home or while worrying about loved ones here or elsewhere in the US or abroad. We all now have a set of worries that looks very different to the way it looked this time last week, and continues to change on a daily basis. To put it simply, we are all under a lot of stress right now. As Chair of Faculty Senate, I want to acknowledge and empathize with the burdens that you are carrying as faculty and to assure you that we are here to do the best we can to answer your questions and to communicate your concerns. We're all being asked to do more and our jobs may suddenly feel very different, but at the end of the day our work continues to be for the benefit of our students, the university, and our own growth and achievement.

Sincerely,

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