

## Faculty Senate Takeaways – April 2022

1. Chancellor Williams Update:
  - HSC President Search
    - A search firm, SP&A Executive Search, will be managing the search for the HSC President
    - Search committee: 9 members, 1/3 from HSC and 2/3 from Fort Worth community
    - Dr. April Wiechmann is representing HSC faculty on the search committee
    - Anticipated transition to new HSC President by August 2022
2. Provost Taylor Update:
  - April 9: Discover myHSC; anticipated that over 300 incoming and prospective students will be on campus
  - April 13: The Honorable Eric Hargan, former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be visiting, and speaking on ***HHS' response to COVID-19 and Operation Warp Speed***; 11:45 am – 12:45 pm in MET 124
  - April 26-27: Budget discussion and decisions for FY2023
  - Performance check-in: be sure to coordinate your quarterly check-in with your department chair throughout April
  - Construction: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of EAD will be re-designed; currently in the planning stages
  - US News & World Report recent rankings: <https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/university-of-north-texas-health-science-center-228909/overall-rankings>
  - UNTHSC Faculty Trends were presented from 2018-2021
3. Dr. Melissa Lewis, Faculty Senate President Update:
  - Faculty Achievement Awards: 22 nominations were received from across all schools/colleges
  - The school/college finalists and the overall winner will be announced at Faculty Assembly in April
  - Requests have been sent to all applicable schools/colleges for nominees for the Faculty Appeals & Grievance Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send your name to one of your school's Senators.
4. Dual Degree Programs:
  - Dean Dennis Thombs and Matt Havlik presented on dual degree programs at HSC: <https://www.unthsc.edu/academics/dual-degree-programs/>
  - Reach out to Dean Thombs if you have additional ideas and suggestions for these programs, or updates to the website.
5. Events and Protocol:
  - Shea Patterson-Young presented the process of organizing official HSC events (insert link to slides).
  - Please reach out to Shea if you have questions about HSC events: [shea.pattersonyoung@unthsc.edu](mailto:shea.pattersonyoung@unthsc.edu)
  - More information can be found here: <https://www.unthsc.edu/about-us/special-events-office/>
6. New Faculty Orientation:
  - John McKenzie presented a new online faculty orientation tool through Canvas
  - This Canvas course will be available for all new and current faculty

- Reach out to John McKenzie if you have questions or suggestions about this course: [John.McKenzie@unthsc.edu](mailto:John.McKenzie@unthsc.edu)

7. Faculty Assembly:

- The next Faculty Assembly will be on April 27, from noon-1PM via Zoom. The focus of the assembly will be the annual Faculty Achievement Awards.

8. There is a “Faculty Input” feature on the UNTHSC Faculty Senate website where you can submit your questions/concerns anonymously: <https://www.unthsc.edu/office-of-faculty-affairs/the-faculty-senate/>.

9. If you would like to attend a Faculty Senate meeting, please send an email to Rhonda Arthur prior to the meeting: [Rhonda.Arthur@unthsc.edu](mailto:Rhonda.Arthur@unthsc.edu)