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Law School's Dr. Edeith Wu is New Faculty Senate Assembly Chair



TSU's new Faculty Senate Assembly Chair, Dr. Edeith Wu, wants to effect change when she assumes office later this year. "I am the voice of the faculty and as such I represent the faculty as a whole," she began this interview with E-News NOW. She wants to engage the faculty and invigorate the entire senate organization. Dr. Wu says, "A major priority for me is to ensure shared governance exists between the faculty, the faculty senate, and the administration. We're going to have input into those decisions that touch and concern all faculty. We have rules that say we must have input and I truly want that for the faculty." Wu said she's not saying that governance does not exist, but she wants a more visible role.

Securing a space for faculty to meet academically, socially, and physically is another priority for the new chair. The current facility has been declared uninhabitable and the space the Senate occupies now is inappropriate. Dr. Wu will work with the current administration to insure that space for faculty is identified sooner rather than later.

The new faculty leader said the faculty wants to update its page on the website to keep abreast of what is going on. "We need a place to come and share an intellectually charged and stimulating exchange of information," she asserted. Dr. Wu plans to attend meetings where faculty concerns are being addressed, like the board meeting and Dean's Council as well as executive council meetings.

Dr. Wu says she wants to be the catalyst for positive change for the faculty and adds, "I don't mind going to meetings for the benefit of receiving information, then coming back and sharing that information with the faculty. The faculty and assembly are my constituents-. I work for the faculty and just like any legislative body, your representative works for you. I want to seek faculty input, guidance to say where we need to go. I know we can energize the faculty and encourage them to get involved." The new faculty chair says she will campaign to join the American Association of University Professionals and other organizations that can assist the faculty in reaching its goals.

Dr. Wu insists, "I am going to be active. We have things that we have to do as a faculty. We cannot do our jobs and not be involved. I want to encourage all faculty to get involved-- transition is now."

Dr. Wu, who has worked at TSU for 16 years, will officially receive the torch in early August to assume the reins. She began her career at TSU as an instructor in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She holds the B.A. degree in Communications and Radio/TV from the University of Houston and the J.D. degree from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at TSU, and the LLPM in International Law and Economics from the University of Houston Law Center. She served as the associate dean in TSU's law school for five years and worked as an attorney in the law office of Scott Kay Bui for several years. She is an accomplished scholar who has written many articles in the area of international law and served her country well in the United States Air Force.

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