

TCOM Accreditation Operating Procedures	Approved: July 2017
COCA Element 7.7 Faculty Association	Effective: July 2017 Revised: February 2024

Element 7.7:

A COM must have a faculty organization that serves as a representative forum for faculty participation for the free exchange of ideas and concerns, of all faculty. The faculty association must include representation of faculty from all campus locations, when applicable. A branch campus may have a faculty association independent from its parent COM.

Procedure Statement: TCOM faculty shall be represented on the HSC Faculty Senate. The Senate shall serve as a forum for the free exchange of ideas and concerns of all faculty.

Procedure		Responsible Party
1.	TCOM shall recognize the HSC Faculty Senate as the duly elected body representing the interests of all faculty at HSC. The structure and responsibilities of the Senate are embodied in its bylaws.	HSC Provost TCOM Dean
2.	TCOM shall respect and sustain all authority granted to the Senate as described in its governance documents.	TCOM Leadership
3.	TCOM shall encourage all faculty to participate in the proceedings of the Senate and abide by its policies and procedures.	TCOM Leadership TCOM Faculty
4.	TCOM shall work in cooperation with HSC to assure that the Senate provides regular opportunities for open dialogue on matters that pertain to faculty affairs.	TCOM Dean
5.	TCOM shall warrant that it will hold as harmless all commentary and opinion openly provided by its faculty during the normal proceedings of the Senate to the extent that there is no disclosure of confidential information or malicious intent of such discourse.	TCOM Dean

Webpage links:

- [UNTHSC Faculty Senate](#)
- [UNTHSC Faculty Assembly](#)
- [UNTHSC Faculty Bylaws](#)