

**2021 Faculty Senate Candidate Profile
Member-at-large Position**



Name: Dave Fagundes
College: Law Center
Department: Law Center
Years at UH: Five as tenured faculty, two as visitor
Years on the Senate: 2.5

Please provide a brief description of your activities in the following areas for the past five years.

1) Service (including the Faculty Senate):

Since joining the UHLC faculty as a tenure-track professor in fall 2016, I have also served as the Law Center's research dean. I've also chaired the faculty development committee and served on its outcomes and assessments committee. I was elected to the UH Faculty Senate in 2018 and have served as an RSC member since that time as well. As part of the RSC, I've served on the subcommittees on excellence awards and center review subcommittees.

2) Scholarship/Research:

I write about property, including copyright, real estate transactions, and estates law. My work spans a variety of topics, including informal systems of order, the moral-psychological dimensions of ownership, the optimal scope of private rights in tangible and intangible property, and the relative efficiency of social norms versus positive law. My recent work has appeared in top publications such as the Cornell Law Review, Texas Law Review, Northwestern University Law Review, and Vanderbilt Law Review. In 2020, I was elected to the American Law Institute.

3) Teaching:

I teach first-year property, trusts and estates, and copyright. These are nuts-and-bolts transactional courses, not ones that students are typically excited to take. I enjoy the challenge of vivifying these topics for students, and in 2020 was named the UHLC Order of the Barons Professor of the Year.

What are the three (3) most important issues you would like to see addressed by the Faculty Senate next year?

1. Since joining UH, I've been constantly impressed by the excellence of my colleagues all around campus. Yet at the same time I'm frustrated that our national reputation does not seem to match the quality of the faculty and students. I'd like to see the Faculty Senate address why this is true and help remedy it.

2. In my time on the Faculty Senate and at UHLC, I've tried to be a voice for the many non-STEM and/or professional schools who are often left out of the mainstream of a university that tends to focus on the STEM disciplines. I'd like to see the Faculty Senate work toward integrating all the UH colleges so we have a better sense of each other's work and can foster more inter-college collaboration.
3. UH does a good job of taking diversity seriously, and our student body reflects the cosmopolitan nature of our great city. Still, we could do much better to recruit excellent faculty from underrepresented backgrounds. I'd like to see the Faculty Senate develop creative strategies to make that happen.