

UNT Dallas Faculty Senate

Regular Meeting — Agenda

Thursday, August 20, 2026 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM | Founders Hall 304 (in person)

Presiding Officer: Korin Munsterman

Associate Presiding Officer: Joshua Goodson

Secretary: Glenda Balas

Parliamentarian: Curtis McDowell

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Presiding Officer Munsterman calls the meeting to order and welcomes senators to the first meeting of the 2026–2027 academic year.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

A quorum is a simple majority of voting members (Bylaws, Art. II, Sec. 3, Para. 1).

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 8, 2026 meeting.

5. Presiding Officer's Remarks

Introduction of the 2026–2027 officer team.

Overview of standing meetings with the Provost and President for the year.

6. Old Business: AI Detection Policy and AI Classroom/Assignment Policy

Both documents remain with the Ad Hoc Committee on AI for revision.

The Provost has asked for a short policy statement supported by separate guidelines, since guidelines can be updated more easily than policy language. No Senate action is requested at this meeting; an update will return once the committee's revisions are ready.

New Business

7. 2025–2026 Standing Committee Charges

Charges for 2025–26 carry forward from 2024–25, with updates reflected in the attached charge document.

Each standing committee's Faculty Senate representative from last year is listed below; committee chairs are elected by each committee at its first meeting (Bylaws, Art. IV, Sec. 1, Para. 8).

- Academic Affairs — *Korin Munsterman*
- Faculty Work-Life — **Warren Nagumo**
- Information Technology — *Eric Porterfield*
- Library — **Keith Gryder**
- Nominations and Elections — *Priya Eimerbrink*
- Charter and Bylaws — **Patricia Wynn**
- Faculty Handbook — *Noureen Khan*
- Annual Administrator Advisory Review — *Iftekhar Amin*

Call for committee volunteers for 2026–27

Senators are asked to identify committee interest by Sept. 4, 2026 so committees can hold first meetings early in the semester rather than waiting until October or November, as in past years.

8. Faculty Senate Vacancies

Current vacancies:

- School of Business and Technology — Place 1 (elected)

- College of Law — (elected) and (appointed*)
- School of Liberal Arts and Sciences — elected seat
- At-Large — one vacancy; separately, the Senate will discuss whether four At-Large seats remain the right number given current appointment practice

Per Charter Art. III, Sec. 3, Para. 4, vacancies should be filled within 30 days from the respective School, College, or Rank constituency. Nominations and Elections Committee to coordinate.

9. Governance Gap: Officer Appointment and Vacancy Provisions

The Charter does not address what happens to an appointed senator's original seat when that senator is elevated to an officer role, and it does not reconcile the President's practice of appointing officers directly from the sitting Senate with the nomination and endorsement-ballot process described in Article IV, Section 4. This includes the related question of how the Presiding Officer's own appointed Law School seat should be treated.

Motion: Refer this matter to the Committee on Charter and Bylaws for review and a recommendation to the full Senate.

10. Communications and Distribution Protocols

Confirmation of roles: the Secretary handles internal Senate communications and correspondence, and any other communications approved by the Presiding Officer (Charter, Art. IV, Sec. 3, Para. 3). Communications to the full faculty will be routed through the Provost's Office.

Announcements

11. TCFS State Conference — September 25–26, 2026

Embassy Suites, Central Austin. Officer attendance is being confirmed

To be confirmed: Secretary and Parliamentarian to attend

12. Faculty Senate Website

The website is being updated, including the minutes page, senator roster, and committee listings.

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13. Open Discussion

Any matter not otherwise on the agenda.

Adjournment

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Next Meeting: Friday, September 4, 2026, 10:00 AM

Per Charter Art. V, Sec. 3, Para. 7, this agenda is posted on the Faculty Senate's public website no later than seven days before the meeting.