

University of North Texas at Dallas
Faculty Senate Minutes

August 20, 2026

Location: FH 304

1:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Presiding Officer: Korin Munsterman

Members Present:

Korin Munsterman, Presiding Officer

Joshua Goodson, Associate Presiding Officer

Glenda Balas, Secretary

Kieth Gryder

Desiree Slaybaugh

Victor Lozada

Christina Salazar

Julie Southward

Warren Nagumo

Patricia Wynn

Jennifer Baggerly

Anel Herrera

Corron Sanders

Bonique Morton

Bhooma Srinivasan

Guests Present:

Gary Holmes (Senate election confirmed during meeting)

Janiece Upshaw, former Presiding Officer of the Senate (virtual)

MINUTES:

I. Call to Order - 1:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer Munsterman called the meeting to order and welcomed senators to the first meeting of the 2026 -2027 academic year. Senators were asked to introduce themselves and report their unit affiliations and constituency representations.

II. Approval of Minutes (May 8, 2026)

- Motion to approve minutes: Baggerly
- Second: Lozada
- Yes: 15, No: 0, Abstain: 0

III. Presiding Officer's Remarks

Presiding Officer Munsterman introduced the 2026-2027 officer team and reported on her standing meetings with the Provost and President during upcoming year. She noted that monthly Faculty Senate meetings would typically be conducted on the first Friday of each month. Exact time and dates to be announced. The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for September 4, 10 a.m.- 12 noon.

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

Presiding Officer Munsterman reported that both AI policy documents currently remain with the AD Hoc Committee on AI for revision. The Provost has requested a short policy statement supported by separate guidelines that can be adjusted as needed. No Senate action is required until the policy revisions are announced.

Informal discussion by Senators revealed the need for more AI training for faculty and students, with the development of accessible PowerPoints and other materials. It was suggested that CITL (Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning) could usefully produce materials based on the AI presentations at the pre-semester Faculty Development session and that departments should submit the specific AI skills required by their disciplines.

V. New Business

1. 2026-2027 Standing Committee Charges

Committee charges for 2026-2027 carry forward from 2025-2026. Presiding Officer Munsterman announced current Faculty Senate representatives for standing committees, which include Academic Affairs, Faculty Work-Life, Information Technology, Library, Nominations and Elections, Charter and Bylaws, Faculty Handbook, and Annual Administrator Advisory Review. She noted that some committee participation will necessarily change as individual terms and Senate responsibilities change. Representatives agreeing to continue their committee participation in 2026-2027 include the following:

Faculty Work-Life: Christina Salazar

Library: Kieth Gryder

Charter and Bylaws: Patricia Wynn

In addition, Desiree Slaybaugh agreed to assume responsibility for Information Technology (replacing Eric Porterfield). It was noted that Pryia Eimerbrink is “rolling off” the Senate and must be replaced for Nominations and Representatives; Noureen Khan is currently on Developmental Leave and unavailable to represent the Faculty Handbook Committee; and Korin Munsterman’s position on Academic Affairs is vacant due to her selection as Presiding Officer of the Senate. Several senators asked if Iftekhar Amin planned to continue his service as a Senator. Questions were also raised about the function of the Annual Administrator Advisory Review Committee, which is described as a means of gauging relationships with Administrators from the faculty point of view. Janiece Upshaw reported that the purpose of the committee had originally been to move toward a 360 review of administrators.

Senators were asked to identify committee interest among faculty members by September 4, 2026, so that committees can move forward in a timely way, rather than waiting until October or November for their first meetings, as has been typical in past years. Senate officers will also contact the Provost’s Office for a full list of faculty members and their email addresses so that a call for committee membership can be submitted.

2. Faculty Senate Vacancies

The Presiding Officer announced that several vacancies existed on the Faculty Senate, including College of Business and Technology (Place 1 elected), College of Law (elected and appointed); College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (elected), and At-Large (one vacancy). The Senate also discussed whether four At-Large seats remain the appropriate number of this category, given current appointment practices. Further, since the Presiding Officer is selected by the President, should they become At-Large members? Baggerly stated a worry about changing rules of election and the Bylaws, since the UNT Dallas faculty worked for 16 years to develop a Faculty Senate. She advised against making any structural changes that could jeopardize the Senate. Goodson also noted that it was important to fill all Senate seats, and that it was often difficult to recruit Senate candidates for current seats, due to other faculty teaching, service, and research demands.

Following this discussion, the Senate moved forward to address the vacancy (Place 1) in the College of Business and Technology.

- Motion to elect Gary Holmes for this position: Goodson
- Second: Srinivasan
- Yes: 15, No: 0, Abstain: 0

3. Communication and Distribution Protocols

Presiding Officer Munsterman confirmed that the Secretary will handle internal Senate communication and correspondence and other communication approved by the Presiding Officer. Communication to the full faculty will be routed through the Provost’s office. Blast emails from the Senate are prohibited.

Vi. Announcements

1. TCFS State Conference: September 25-26, 2026, Austin, TX

Faculty Senate officers McDowell and Goodson will attend the meeting, which is being conducted at the Embassy Suites in Austin September 25-26. The state meeting will likely include discussion of the disbanding of Faculty Senates throughout the UT System, as well as guest speakers from AAUP.

2. Faculty Senate Website

Associate Presiding Officer Goodson discussed the website, which is being revised to include the minutes, the Senate roster, and committee listings. Goodson also discussed plans for training members of the Senate to become webmasters of the website.

VIII. Adjournment – 2:30 p.m.