**This template is provided to assist committee chairs to satisfy the reporting requirements found in Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article III, Section 2. Please note the following applicable provisions:**

***The Chair of each Faculty Senate Committee shall report at least once each semester to the chair of the Executive Committee regarding the business conducted by the Faculty Senate Committee….***

***It shall be the responsibility of committee chairs to monitor their committee membership’s status and any vacancies (whether occurring by repeated absence, leave of absence, resignation or retirement), and promptly report any occurring vacancies to the Senate leadership.***

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***Report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee* Date:**  04/26/2024

**“x” or circle:**   **Mid-year report**  X  **End-of-year report**

**Committee Name**: Faculty Research Committee

**Chair or Co-Chairs:** Dr. Pam Padilla and Dr. Sundeep Mukherjee

**Meetings for the term/year:** [insert dates of all meetings to-date, whether electronic or in-person]

Meeting for Spring 2024 on 04/17/2024

**Membership and Attendance** (year-to-date attendance record):

**These column and row titles may vary based upon the nature of the committee composition. Please highlight names of members missing three or more meetings.**

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| **Group Represented, committee office, if applicable** | **Name** | **Department or administrative unit affiliation** | **Term End**  **(if applicable)** | **Meetings Attended** | **Meetings Absent / # Excused** |
| Chair | Sundeep Mukherjee | MTSE | 2025 | 2 |  |
| Co-chair | Pam Padilla | VPR | NA | 2 |  |
| Group I | Jorge Aviles-Diz | SPAN | 2024 | 1 |  |
| Group II | Suliman Hawamdeh | IS | 2025 | - |  |
| Group III | Sundeep Mukherjee | MTSE | 2025 | 2 |  |
| Group IV | Margie Tieslau | ECON | 2024 | 1 |  |
| Group V | Anat BarNir (Fall), Manjula Salimath (Spring) | MGMT | 2024 | 2 |  |
| Group VI | Karthigeyan Subramaniam | TEA | 2025 | 1 |  |
| Group VII | Brian Ayre | BIOL | 2026 | 2 |  |
| Group VIII | Jamey Kelley | MUED | 2026 | - |  |
| At-large | Yunjo An | LTEC | 2024 | - |  |
| At-large | Hakan Tarakci | ITDS | 2024 | 1 |  |

*(Add lines as needed)*

**The Executive Committee establishes charges for each standing committee and may amend them as needed; alternatively, the standing committee may propose amended charges, composition, etc., by making a written proposal and sending to the Faculty Senate office** [**facultysenate@unt.edu**](mailto:facultysenate@unt.edu)**.) Do your committee charges remain relevant? If not, what changes to the charges do you propose?**

**Yes, the charges remain relevant. With the passage of Texas University Fund (TUF), the committee will assess UNT’s progress towards meeting TUF benchmarks rather than NRUF status.**

**Accomplishments (including items submitted for review or approval to the Executive Committee or Faculty Senate): [bulleted list or narrative]**

* **Open access/public access of research was discussed and will be a requirement by federal funding agencies. By the end of this year the funding agencies (e.g. NIH, NSF) have to provide researchers their guides and as those come out UNT research office will communicate so faculty can comply.**
* **The progress towards Texas University Fund (TUF) benchmarks were discussed.**
* **Sponsored project data metrics as well as those counting towards TUF benchmarks are accessible through dashboards on the DRI website.**
* **VPR requested for faculty feedback on IT needs.**

**Ongoing/future projects: [bulleted list or narrative]**

* **Assessment of UNT’s progress towards meeting TUF benchmarks.**
* **Using AI in research.**
* **Open access/public access of research.**
* **IT needs for research.**
* **Research infrastructure investments at UNT.**