

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.***

Email completed reports to [faculty senate@unt.edu](mailto:faculty senate@unt.edu).

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**Report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

Date: 2/1/2026

“x” or circle:  Mid-year report

End-of-year report

Committee Name: Graduate Council

Chair or Co-Chairs: Jennifer Lane, Faculty Chair; Brenda Barrio, Administrative Co-Chair

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

September 18, October 16, November 20, 2025

**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.**

Group Represented, committee office, if applicable	Name	Department or administrative unit affiliation	Term End (if applicable)	Meetings Attended	Meetings Absent / # Excused
Chair	Jennifer Lane	MUVS	2028	3	0 / 0
Co-chair	Brenda Barrio	DRI	--	3	0 / 0
Secretary	NA	--	--	--	--
Group I	Vacant	--	--	--	--
Group II	Rose Baker	LTEC	2027	3	0 / 0
Group III	Maurizio Manzo	MEEN	2026	1	2 / 0
Group IV	Jessica Craig	DCJ	2028	3	0 / 0
Group V	Divesh Ojha	SCM	2028	3	0 / 0
Group VI	Dalena Dillman Taylor	CHE	2027	2	1 / 0
Group VII	Olav Richter	MATH	2026	2	1 / 0
Group VIII	Jaymee Haefner	MUIS	2027	3	0 / 0
At-large	Ana Cleveland	IS	2027	3	0 / 0
At-large	Mariya G. Aguilar	MGMT	2026	1	2 / 0
At-large	Anto Verghese	ITDS	2026	3	0 / 0

*(Add lines as needed)*

Do any membership positions need to be replaced at this time due to non-attendance or a leave of members? **No** If so, which positions? (This assumes proper notice was provided per the Procedures Manual; example correspondence and explanation of notice may be found in the [Committee Chair Tool Kit.](#))

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 [faculty senate@unt.edu](mailto:faculty senate@unt.edu).) Do your committee charges remain relevant? **Yes** If not, what changes to the charges do you propose?

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

- **Approved 48 New Courses that will allow academic programs to keep pace with rapid changes in industry and research**
- **Accepted changes to program hours for a department's pass-through-master's, which streamlined the program requirements, incentivizing students to progress through the program while accelerating their timeline to ABD status and graduation**
- **Approved updating concentration names that will improve the marketability of programs, which align with concentrations in doctoral programs, improving consistency and recruitment**
- **Agreed and approved changes in hours for non-thesis options, matching the current thesis option and brings the department more in line with other institutions offering a similar degree**
- **Approved degree curriculum changes: refining the objectives of core courses to minimize redundancy, enhance technical components, and incorporate more hands-on learning experiences**
- **Supported the removal of the GRE requirement; making the program more relevant, competitive and widens the applicant pool**
- **Granted exception year requests for many departments to reflect the evolving changes and focus on graduation times and rates**
- **Approved clarifying procedures for admission and degree options in the catalog**

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

- Assist in UNT's initiative to develop new structures designed to foster greater collaboration and interdisciplinarity in research, scholarship, and teaching.