

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 facultysenate@unt.edu.

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Report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Date: 4/14/2026

"x" or circle: Mid-year report



End-of-year report

Committee Name: Graduate Council

Chair or Co-Chairs: Rose Baker, Interim Faculty Chair; Brenda Barrio, Administrative Co-Chair

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

January 15, February 19, March 19, 2026

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	0	3 / 3
Co-chair	Brenda Barrio	DRI	--	3	0 / 0
Secretary	NA	--	--	--	--
Group I	Vacant	--	NA	--	--
Group II	Rose Baker	LTEC	2027	3	0 / 0
Group III	Maurizio Manzo	MEEN	2026	2	1 / 0
Group IV	Jessica Craig	DCJ	2028	2	1 / 0
Group V	Divesh Ojha	SCM	2028	3	0 / 0
Group VI	Dalena Dillman Taylor	CHE	2027	3	0 / 0
Group VII	Olav Richter	MATH	2026	2	1 / 0
Group VIII	Jaymee Haefner	MUIS	2027	2	1 / 1
At-large	Ana Cleveland	IS	2027	1	2 / 0
At-large	Mariya G. Aguilar	MGMT	2026	3	0 / 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 facultysenate@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 22 strategic Graduate Track Pathways along with a cross-departmental track pathway to encourage high-performing undergraduate students to transition into advanced study and research
- Approved vast improvements from programs that updated their course offerings, electives and requirements which offered more flexibility to their students
- Supported a decrease in PhD hours to make a program more competitive with other CACREP-Accredited doctoral programs in the nation
- Accepted a degree requirement for MS programs to maintain a strong grade point average in the concentration which helps ensure that students are prepared to enter the workforce successfully upon graduation
- Favored an exception year request for a Graduate Academic Certificate that is in high demand for students that seek to expand their career opportunities in enterprise computing, big data analytics, or AI-driven software development in mainframe environments
- Approved a change in requirements in an MS degree driven by a recent change in the 150-hour rule promulgated by the TSBPA. Students would see a net benefit from the reduction in the master's program from 33 to 30 hours, making the MS program more competitive and a better value proposition
- Accepted changes to program course changes, deletions and curriculum clarity within the catalog

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

- Being agile and responsive in our efforts to address changing needs across departments and programs.
- Guiding and addressing the importance of a broader approach to interdisciplinary scholarship and versatile career readiness.