

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: 12/8/2025

“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. Maurizio Manzo

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

Zoom Meeting for Spring 2026 on 4/7/2026

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	Maurizio Manzo	ME	2027	2	-
Co-chair	Pam Padilla	VPR	NA	2	-
Group I	Newly Paul	JOUR	2027		2
Group II	John Peters	ENGL	2028	1	1
Group III	Maurizio Manzo	ME	2027	2	-
Group IV	Margie Tieslau	ECON	2027	1	1
Group V	Manjula Salimath	MGMT	2027	2	-
Group VI	Vacant			-	-
Group VII	Brian Ayre	BIOL	2026	2	-
Group VIII	Jamey Kelley	MUED	2026	2	-
At-large EC	Priyali Rajagopal	MKTG	2027	1	1
At-large EC	Jim Meernik	PSCI	2027	-	2
At-large EC	Ronnie Jia	ITDS	2028	1	1

(Add lines as needed)

Do any membership positions need to be replaced at this time due to non-attendance or a leave of members? 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](#).)

No replacements needed at this time.

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? If not, what changes to the charges do you propose?

Yes, the charges remain relevant. The committee will assess UNT's research strategic plans in light of the President Strategic plan presented in Fall 26.

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

- *Reviewed TUF funding structure and allowable uses of TUF funds for research support.*
- *Discussed anticipated timeline for state funding allocation and institutional decision-making.*
- *Discussed availability of the research dashboard.*
- *Reviewed federal funding updates.*
- *Discussed updates on planning for the Science & Technology Research Building, including ongoing discussions and interdisciplinary space allocation across participating.*
- *Discussed committee strategies to support underfunded disciplines (non-STEM), including improving processes for internal and external recognition.*

Ongoing/future projects: [bulleted list or narrative]

- *Check on finalized spaced allocation in the SciTech Research Building.*
- *Look into initiatives for funding scholarly activities such as book development, conference travel, research dissemination, etc.*
- *Look into IDC and industry sponsored research to increase opportunities of private funding.*
- *Explore best practices for engaging in multidisciplinary research proposals.*