

September 5, 2025

Location: FH 108

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Presiding Officer: Janiece Upshaw

Minutes

		Present
Presiding Officer	Janiece Upshaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Associate Presiding Officer	Gwendolyn Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Joshua Goodson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parliamentarian	Priya Eimerbrink	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Permanent Non-Tenure Track	Gabriel Otteson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Tenure-Track	Corron Sanders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Tenured	Iftekhhar Amin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Business Place One	Patricia Wynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Business Place Two	Warren Nagumo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Education	Victor Lozada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, Human Services	Nedra Washington Goss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, LAS Place One	Stephen Womack	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator, LAS Place Two	Kieth Gryder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator, LAS Place Three	Noureen Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senator, College of Law	Eric Porterfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. Call to Order – 10:01 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes 10:05 a.m.

- a. Otteson moves to approve minutes pending changes.
 - Nagumo seconds
 - Yes: 10
 - No: 0

III. Reports of Officers, Board, and Standing Committees 10:15 a.m.

- a. Budget Report
 - Upshaw explaining Faculty Senate budget.
 - Professional fees used for TCFS dues and conference fees.
 - Travel goes to travel TCFS conference.
 - Operating mostly goes to food.
- b. University Budget Report – April Barnes
 - Porterfield moves to table until April arrives.
 - Amin seconds.
- c. Committee Appointments/Charges
 - Upshaw presents the attached Committee member list.
- d. April Barnes arrives
 - Presents FY26 budget shared during President's opening meeting.
 - Presents tuition and fees and how they work and what they mean.
 - Discusses how students are dropped for non-payment.
- e. Back to committees and senate reps
 - Current committee list and asking for senate reps
 - Senate Reps to committees
 - Academic Affairs
 - Munsterman
 - Faculty Work Life
 - Nagumo
 - Information Technology
 - Porterfield
 - Library
 - Gryder
 - Nominations and Elections
 - Eimerbrink
 - Charter and Bylaw
 - Wynn
 - Faculty Handbook
 - Khan
 - Annual Administrator Advisory Review
 - Amin
 - Must have written reports from committees. Senate Reps should work with chairs to make written reports.

IV. Unfinished Business and General Orders 11:00 a.m.

- a. Apportionment
 - Discussing possibilities in chart below

SCH/COL	Fall 2025	Current	Apportionment			Appointed	Combined		
			15	20	25		15	20	25
BHHS	17	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
BUS	27	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
LAW	31	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	2
EDU	13	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
LAS	53	3	3	2	2	1	4	3	3
			Elected						
Tenured		1	1	1	1		1	1	1
TT		1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Non-TT		1	1	1	1		1	1	1
At-Large		4	4	4	4		4	4	4
Total	141	15	15	13	13		20	18	18
%			11%	9%	9%		14%	13%	13%

- Scott Grimes recommends having an apportionment that has less senators to makes it easier to find faculty to run for the positions.
- Lozada moves to not make changes in how we make apportionments.
 - Washington seconds
 - Yes: 9
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1 (Johnson)
- b. Nominations – Super-majority vote required
 - Sanders moves to approve Amin and Porterfield as Senators
 - Otteson seconds
 - Yes: 10
 - No: 0
- c. Approval of Bylaws
 - Upshaw discusses changes to bylaws.
 - Nagumo moves to approve changes.
 - Otteson seconds.
 - Goodson moves the previous question.
 - Yes: 11
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1 (Washington)
- d. Senate Appointments
 - Got nominations but will wait to tell the senate until everyone has been notified of president appointments.
- e. Graduate school Rep
 - Noyes
- f. General Assembly and Faculty Senate Mtg. – Time and Dates

09/05/25	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208
10/03/25	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	General Assembly, FH 101 TBD
10/03/25	11:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208
11/07/25	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208
12/05/25	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208
01/16/26	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208
2/06/26	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208

03/06/26	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208
04/03/26	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208
05/01/26	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	FS Meeting, FH 208

V. Old Business 11:40 a.m.

- a. Letter, signed April 9th re: Faculty access to UNT library system
 - Letter has become part of a larger discussion.
 - Upshaw will continue to push for access since some faculty teach Denton students.

VI. New business 11:45 a.m.

- a. What is imperative to get done in the university?
- b. How we change mindset
- c. List of events hosted by the President's Office for the upcoming 25-26 Academic Year:

Event	Date	Room
STEM Opening Ceremony	Fall 2025	TBD
October Townhall	Friday, October 10, 2025	Campus Hall
October First Friday Fun	Friday, October 3, 2025	Trailblazer Alley
Board of Regents	Monday, November 10- Friday, November 14, 2025	Campus Hall, Welcome Center, Reading Room
Campus Holiday Lunch	Friday, December 5, 2025	Campus Hall/ Trailblazer Alley
President's Opening Day	Wednesday, January 7, 2026	Campus Hall
April Townhall	Friday, April 10, 2026	Campus Hall
April First Friday Fun	Friday, April 10, 2026	Campus Hall/ Trailblazer Alley
<i>EOY Appreciation Celebration</i>	<i>May TBD</i>	Trailblazer Alley
President's Opening Day	Wednesday, August 19, 2026	Campus Hall

I. Adjournment – 12:00 p.m.