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Midland College Faculty Senate
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Faculty Senate President. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Roll Call

Voting Senators Present: David Edens, Dagan Sherman, Jesse Cates, Crystal Rosa, Angel Carbajal, Shawna Lopez, Debbie McNeely, Amanda Tipton, Steven Gaines, and Jamie Kneisley.

Not present for voting: Andrea Montes (needed to leave early)

3. Guest Report

Dr. Adrian Vega presented information regarding faculty development funding opportunities, tuition reimbursement, Foundation-supported grants, and other faculty support resources available through Midland College.

4. Consent Agenda

The agenda for August 19, 2026, was approved. The minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

5. Committee Reports

The Executive Committee, Communications Committee, and Questions Committee provided updates. Membership representation, committee recruitment, and course evaluation review were discussed.

6. Discussion Items

The Senate reviewed faculty representation for 2026-2027, meeting attendance procedures, committee structure, meeting schedules, faculty engagement opportunities, and priorities for the Fall 2026 semester.

7. Action Item: Proposed Amendment to Article I

The Senate reviewed proposed bylaw language regarding public comment procedures. Motion to table consideration of the amendment until the September meeting for additional review and refinement. Motion adopted unanimously.

8. Other Business

Discussion included course evaluation concerns, faculty engagement, campus activities, and recommendations for future agenda topics.

9. Announcements

Additional committee volunteers were requested, and Senate leadership will prepare revised bylaw language for future consideration.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.