

APPROVED MINUTES 8-19-26

Midland College Faculty Senate Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting

April 10, 2026
Teams / MHAB 110

Call to Order

President Ginger Schantz called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Roll Call

Present were Senate officers Ginger Schantz and Sarah Hildebrand; senators Dagan Sherman, Jamie Kneisley, Shawna Lopez, Crystal Rosa, Emiliano Carbajal, Debbie McNeely, Andrea Montes, and David Edens. Senators absent were Juan Zapata-Nunez, Amanda Tipton, Jesse Cates, Steven Gaines, and Laurie Fitzgerald. Also present were Dr. Damon Kennedy, Karissa Kienast, and Megan Gooding.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Dagan Sherman moved to approve the minutes of the February Faculty Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Shawna Lopez and carried by voice vote.

Guest Reports

Dr. Damon Kennedy

Dr. Kennedy reported that the Midland College Board of Trustees approved the campus drilling project with stipulations regarding safety, campus access, and revenue opportunities. He discussed the increasing emphasis placed on Career and Technical Education programs at the state level and noted the continued growth in the College's dual credit enrollment. Dr. Kennedy also provided remarks regarding artificial intelligence initiatives and the implementation of Element451 in support of student engagement and institutional objectives.

Midland College Teaching and Learning Center

Karissa Kienast and Megan Gooding presented information concerning upcoming federal accessibility requirements. They reviewed faculty responsibilities related to ADA compliance and demonstrated a Canvas-based accessibility tool designed to assist faculty in evaluating and improving the accessibility of course content and other digital documents.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: No report.

Questions Committee: No report.

Unfinished Business

No report.

New Business

ADA Accessibility Requirements: The Senate discussed the accessibility requirements presented by the Teaching and Learning Center and the implications for faculty course materials and digital content.

Consolidation of Faculty Senate Minutes: No report.

Committee Assignments: No report.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Schantz

President, Faculty Senate