

Midland College Faculty Senate Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Location: MHAB 110

Call to Order

Roll Call

Officers present:

Senators present:

Senators absent:

MC Faculty present: (sign-in sheet)

Guests: (sign-in sheet)

Guests

Dr. Adrian Vega

Purpose: Presentation and discussion regarding funds faculty may contribute to and may also benefit from.

Guest Reports

A. Dr. Adrian Vega — Faculty-related funds and resources

Consent Items

A. Agenda Approval

B. Approval of Minutes — Previous Faculty Senate meeting

Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

B. Communications Committee

C. Questions Committee

Discussion Items

A. Faculty Senate Membership and Division Representation for 2026–2027

– Review of current representation by instructional division

– Identification of new or needed Faculty Senate members

– Current vacancies and next steps for filling needed positions

B. Faculty Senate priorities and business for the Fall 2026 semester

Action Items

A. Proposed Amendment to Article I — Meetings: Public Comment and Participation

– Review and consideration of proposed bylaw language

– In-person requirement for speakers and procedures for public comment

– Clarification of online observation versus participation

See Attachment A on page 2.

Other Business

Items raised by Senators for future consideration or inclusion on a subsequent meeting agenda.

Adjournment

Attachment A
Proposed Amendment to Article I — Meetings
Public Comment and Participation

Purpose: To establish a clear procedure for comments by individuals who are not members of the Faculty Senate and to distinguish in-person public comment from online observation of Faculty Senate meetings.

Proposed Bylaw Language

Section 8 – Public Comment and Participation. Any individual who is not a Senator and wishes to address the Faculty Senate during a meeting must be physically present at the designated meeting location and shall sign up to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting or at such other time designated by the Presiding Officer.

A speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes per agenda item. The Presiding Officer shall recognize speakers and may establish reasonable procedures concerning the order of speakers and the administration of the public comment period.

Individuals viewing or attending a Faculty Senate meeting by livestream, videoconference, or other electronic means may observe the meeting but shall not provide public comment, address the Senate, or otherwise participate remotely during the meeting.

Participation during public comment does not confer the right to participate in Senate debate or deliberation, make or second motions, or vote.

The Presiding Officer may recognize an invited guest, College official, subject-matter expert, or other individual to provide information or respond to questions relevant to an item before the Senate. Such participation shall not be considered public comment.

Conforming Change

If adopted as Section 8, the current Article I, Section 8 – Decision-Making would be renumbered as Section 9. All other sections of Article I would remain unchanged unless separately amended.

Action Requested

Review, discussion, and action on the proposed amendment in accordance with the Faculty Senate bylaws and applicable College procedures.