

2025-2026 Year-End Committee Report

Committee:	Faculty Handbook
Charge:	The Faculty Handbook Committee revises the Northwestern University Faculty Handbook, which constitutes the contract between the faculty and the University, and advises other committees as needed.
Chair:	Ann Bradlow
# of Meetings:	1 (via email)

Completed Business and/or Accomplishments

We received a request from the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities to review their proposed change to the Faculty Handbook. The Handbook Committee conducted an email discussion of the proposal. Following this discussion, the committee conveyed its support for this proposal to the Executive Committee. We also suggested some relatively minor modifications to the wording of the proposal. The proposal was brought to the Faculty Senate and ultimately passed at the Faculty Senate Meeting on May 6, 2026. It was also brought to the University Faculty Assembly on June 8, 2026.

Following the vote of the Faculty Senate, a mid-June meeting was scheduled with representatives from the university administration. Invited to this meeting were: Faculty Senate leadership (Ian Hurd, President and Rebecca Zorach, President-elect), chair of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee (Mark Alznauer), chair of the Faculty Handbook committee (Ann Bradlow), representatives from the Provost's office (Sumit Dhar and Celina Flowers), and representatives from Northwestern University's Office of General Counsel (Priya Harjani and Michael Chin.)

Unfinished/Continuing Business

New Business for Next Year

Note: This committee will be merged with the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee.