

Meeting of the University Faculty Assembly

October 15, 2025

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Lutkin Hall and Zoom

(Register for Zoom webinar [here](#))

- I. Welcome from Faculty Senate President Ian Hurd (5:30 p.m.)
- II. The Senate Report by President Ian Hurd (5:30 p.m.)
- III. State of the University Address from President Henry Bienen (5:35 p.m.)
- IV. Resolution to include librarian and research faculty as members of the Faculty Assembly in Article II of the Faculty Assembly Bylaws, thereby making the Faculty Assembly Bylaws consistent with the University Statutes. (6:15 p.m.)
- V. Resolution against capitulation to federal government “compact,” submitted by faculty petition (6:25 p.m.)
- VI. Old Business, submitted by faculty petition: Northwestern AAUP follow-up to the resolution passed at the Faculty Assembly on April 21, 2025 (6:40 p.m.)

Submitted by Senator Rebecca Zorach (Art History) and Sumit Dhar (Office of the Provost and CSD) for consideration by the Faculty Assembly at the October 15, 2025 Faculty Assembly Meeting

Whereas, the Northwestern University Statutes articulate membership in the Faculty Assembly as,

“The membership of the University Faculty Assembly consists of all regular full-time faculty members in tenure and non-tenure track positions. This includes faculty who hold the titles of Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor (each including Clinical, of Instruction, of Practice, in Residence), who are members of the Librarian Faculty, or Research Faculty, as well as administrators with a faculty appointment within the University in one of the titles or memberships listed above.” and

Whereas, Article II of the Northwestern University Faculty Assembly Bylaws articulate membership as,

“The membership of the Faculty Assembly consists of all full-time regular faculty members in both tenure track and non-tenure track positions. This includes clinical and lecturer faculty who hold the rank of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Clinical Professor, Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Assistant Professor, Professor of Instruction, Distinguished Senior Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, or Lecturer, as well as administrators with a faculty appointment within the University in one of the ranks listed above.” and

Whereas, clarification of membership status in the Faculty Assembly is desirable, and members of the Librarian Faculty or Research Faculty are explicitly included in the Assembly by the University Statutes but are not listed in the Assembly Bylaws, and

Whereas, it is expected that the Assembly Bylaws be consistent with the University Statutes, therefore

Be it RESOLVED that Article II of the Northwestern University Faculty Assembly Bylaws be revised to read as follows:

“The membership of the University Faculty Assembly consists of all regular full-time faculty members in tenure and non-tenure track positions. This includes faculty who hold the titles of Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor (each including Clinical, of Instruction, of Practice, in Residence), who are members of the Librarian Faculty, or Research Faculty, as well as administrators with a faculty appointment within the University in one of the titles or memberships listed above.”

Proposed Resolution for October 15, 2025 meeting of the Northwestern University Faculty Assembly

WHEREAS the Trump Administration, on October 1, 2025, presented ten conditions on federal funding to nine of our peer universities,¹ conditions that among other things: threaten interference in admission decisions; entail the surveillance of community members' personal views; demand changes in universities' governance structures and the closure of units deemed ideologically suspect; require that institutions commit to the use of force against campus protest and to the enforcement of specific definitions of gender; create unacceptable constraints on students' programs of study; limit international student enrollments; and essentially commit to an annual performance of loyalty in order to receive federal funding,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Faculty Assembly opposes any capitulation on the part of Northwestern University to these or similar demands that undermine constitutional rights, democratic principles, faculty governance, institutional autonomy, and academic freedom.

¹As described in initial reporting by the [Wall Street Journal](#) and published by the [Washington Examiner](#).