

Northwestern University
Minutes of the Faculty Assembly
Guild Lounge and Zoom
June 8, 2026

The second meeting of the Northwestern University Faculty Assembly of the 2025–2026 academic year was held on June 8, 2026, in Guild Lounge in Evanston and over Zoom. A number of faculty members participated remotely. Faculty Senate President and Faculty Assembly Vice Chair Ian Hurd called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. A quorum (10% of full-time regular faculty members) was not present (approximately 263 faculty members were in attendance).

Interim President Henry Bienen gave a brief update on the University and the upcoming transition to President-Elect Mung Chiang. Provost Hagerty then reflected on her tenure and expressed excitement for incoming Provost Erik Luijten, who shared his outlook on the position and his willingness to partner in shared governance.

Faculty Senate President and Faculty Assembly Vice Chair Hurd informed the Faculty Assembly about the Faculty Senate’s proposals to amend the Faculty Handbook regarding faculty appeals processes when removed from teaching or research.

President of the Northwestern University American Association of University Professors (NU AAUP) Jackie Stevens presented NU AAUP’s resolution to amend the Faculty Handbook. Faculty discussed the proposal, but without a quorum present, no action could be taken.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jared Spitz
Secretary to the Faculty Senate