TO: All Full-time Faculty Members
FROM: Faculty Senate Agenda Committee
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting

The eighth meeting of the Fifty-Ninth Faculty Senate will be:

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020
Time: 11:45 AM to 1:25 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING – Details to follow

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS
   A. Approval of the 2.19.20 minutes
   B. SAC Report (Professor Powers-Lee)
   C. Provost’s Report (Provost Bean)
   D. Questions & Discussion

II. NEW BUSINESS
   A. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR GONYEAU)

   BE IT RESOLVED that, effective by the Fall 2020 Semester, the current TRACE survey be revised to include two diversity/inclusion queries: (1) modification of the current Likert scale query “The instructor treated students with respect” to “The instructor facilitated a respectful and inclusive learning environment” and (2) addition of the open-ended query “Please expand on the instructor’s strengths and areas for improvement in facilitating inclusive learning.”

   B. FACULTY HANDBOOK RESOLUTION: PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES IN THE APPOINTMENT AND EVALUATION OF UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS (PROFESSOR ERDOGMUS)

   BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed module entitled “Procedural Guidelines in the Appointment and Evaluation of University Administrators” replace the current module entitled “Procedural Guidelines in the Appointment of University Administrators”.

   C. REPORT OF THE ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE (PROFESSOR PAINTER)

   D. ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR ERGUN)

   Whereas NU-In programs represent a valuable, dynamic, global learning experience for freshmen students, and whereas NU-In programs are currently experiencing rapid
revision, expansion, and oversight,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate Agenda Committee charge the 2022-2023 EAPC to monitor the experience of NU-In students, in collaboration with the Office of the Provost and the Chancellor, with a particular reference to NU-In student exit surveys and TRACE evaluations in comparison with similar metrics for Fall Freshmen.

E. ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR ERGUN)

Whereas PlusOne programs represent a growing option for students to access intrinsically valuable and accelerated Master’s degrees; and whereas PlusOne programs encourage Northeastern undergraduate students to stay at the University to complete their Master’s degree,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate recommends that the Provost’s Office establish a uniform, standardized process for PlusOne admissions, explore greater visibility of marketing for PlusOne programs in the course catalog, employ a single user-friendly system for PlusOne applications (such as the Apply Yourself system that is currently widely used for Northeastern graduate applications), and retain the current policy of exempting applicants from submitting standardized testing scores, application fee, and transcripts.

F. ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR ERGUN)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate recommends that the Provost’s Office work with the deans to standardize undergraduate academic advising for all PlusOne Programs and to provide ready access to graduate academic advising for undergraduates interested in the PlusOne Programs.

G. ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR ERGUN)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate Agenda Committee monitor the change in PlusOne management, marketing, and growth in partnership with the Office of the Provost in AY 2020-2021, with a particular reference to accessibility, flexibility and ease of application to PlusOne programs.

H. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (PROFESSOR MCOWEN)

I. UPDATE ON THE 2019 DIALOG OF CIVILIZATIONS RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR BART)

J. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR GONYEAU)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate Agenda Committee establish a working group, with membership drawn from faculty, students, staff (Assessment Director and/or CATLR staff), associate deans and the Office of the Provost, to draft for future Senate consideration customized versions of the TRACE queries for common categories of classes, including online/hybrid, lab, and Dialogue of Civilizations.
K. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR GONYEAU)

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective by the Fall 2020 Semester, the current TRACE survey be revised as shown in the document TRACE revision 2020, with elimination of redundant sections of the survey resulting in 10 fewer queries.