



Northeastern University
Office of the Faculty Senate

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Robert Hanson, Secretary, Faculty Senate
SUBJECT: Minutes, 18 January 2017

Present: (Professors) Adams, Andrews, Barczak, Bickmore, Brooks, Dencker, Frader, Hellweger, Hanson, Howard, Kanouse, Kelly, Kruger, Lerner, McGruer, McOwen, Nita-Rotaru, Nyaga, Ocampo-Guzman, Portz, Powers-Lee, Sceppa, Silbey, Sipahi, Vicino

Administrators: Bean, Brodley, Courtney, Hudson, Loeffelholz, Paul, Ziemer

Absent: (Professors) Crittenden, Fox, Nelson, Patterson, Piret
(Administrators) Ambrose, Poiger, He

I. **CONVENED.** Provost Bean convened the Senate at 11:45 AM

II **MINUTES.** The Senate minutes of 7 December were approved as written.

III. **SAC REPORT**

III.1 Professor Sceppa reported that SAC met twice since the last Senate meeting on 7 December. One meeting was devoted to an attempt to resolve the proposed UCC Bylaws with Vice Provost Ziemer. Negotiations continue.

III.2 SAC also met twice with the Provost and is scheduled to meet this afternoon with the senior leadership team.

III.3 Senate Committees continue their work.

IV. **PROVOST'S REPORT**

IV.1 The Provost's Office is finishing the budget process.

IV.2 Dean searches proceeding well. The new BCHS Dean is to be announced soon; the Library dean search continues; the DMSB dean search also continues. The quality of candidates has been very good.

V. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

BE IT RESOLVED That the recommended raise pool for merit and equity (with promotion excluded) for FY 2018 is 4.0% of continuing salaries beginning on July 1, 2017.

Professor Adams (FAC) made a motion to postpone the resolution currently on the floor to 1 February 2017. This was seconded.

VOTE to postpone to time certain (2/1/17): PASSED, 34-0-0

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VI.1 UUCC RESOLUTION: BS IN CYBER SECURITY (PROFESSOR NITA-ROTARU)

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the BS in Cyber Security in the College of Computer and Information Science as approved by the UUCC on 14 December 2016 (12-0-0).

Professor Nita-Rotaru read the motion and it was seconded.

Professor Rasala was recognized and explained that CCIS currently offers a BS in Computer Science to meet special security matters but it is extremely difficult to complete because of additional courses which are not pertinent to cyber security. This proposal prunes those non-essential courses.

Dean Paul inquired if the current program will be discontinued to which Professor Rasala replied that it will when students can be convinced that this is a better option.

Professor Hanson noted that the proposal seems to be designed to bring additional students into the college. Professor Rasala agreed that it will likely do so. Professor Hanson asked how many students are anticipated since the proposal calls for three to five additional faculty members. Dean Brodley responded that the overall number of students in the college will not increase but student redistribution will occur based on strategic research. Faculty searches are underway for joint faculty in the cyber security and private security areas.

VOTE to establish the BS in Cyber Security in the College of Computer and Information Science: PASSED, 31-0-0

VI.2 FACULTY HANDBOOK RESOLUTION (PROFESSOR LERNER)

BE IT RESOLVED That the proposed language on Non-retaliation be added to the Faculty Handbook as a new module.

Professor Lerner read motion; Professor Kruger seconded. Professor Lerner explained that last spring the Senate approved a resolution on non-retaliation but returned by the Provost for editing. This iteration focuses more specifically on governance. Associate Teaching Professor Arrowood and Lecturer Kathleen Durant added that the full-time non tenure-track faculty welcomes an additional layer of protection. Professor Sceppa added that the language is the result of a collaborative effort between the FT NTTFC, the Senate Ad Hoc Handbook Committee and Vice Provost Franko.

Professor Adams, noting that electronic mail could be used in a retaliation effort, asked if a policy on the privacy of email is being considered. Provost Bean responded that, as far as he is aware, no email at any university is private and no plans are underway to change this.

VOTE to add a module on Non-retaliation be added to the Faculty Handbook: PASSED,
30-0-0

VII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DISCUSSIONS

The Senate voted to move into Committee-of-the-whole. Interim Dean Loeffelholz spoke on CPS, its place within the University, the four groups and a plan to streamline approvals for PAN proposals.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to conclude Committee-of-the-Whole and adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The Senate adjourned at 1:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hanson, Secretary
Faculty Senate