



Northeastern University
Office of the Faculty Senate

TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: George Alverson, Secretary, Faculty Senate
SUBJECT: Minutes, 3 December 2014

Present: (Professors) Alverson, Bickmore, Caligiuri, Carrier, Cokely, Crittenden, Daynard, De Ritis, Fitzgerald, Hanson, Howard, Kruger, Lerner, Leslie, Makriyannis, Metghalchi, Nelson, Rabrenovic, Rappaport, Strasser, Suciu, Young

(Administrators) Ambrose, Aubry, Courtney, Director, Fulmer, Gibson, Loeffelholz, Poiger, Ronkin

Absent: Professors Charles, Devlin, Gouldstone, Hajjar, King, McGushin, Piret, and Dean Brodley

The Senate convened at 11:45 AM.

- I. The minutes of 12 November were approved as amended.
- II. Professor Daynard reported that SAC met twice in regular session since the last Senate meeting and once with the senior leadership team.

The search committee for a chair of the *Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures* has been convened as follows:

Elected members:

Professor Alan West Duran
Professor Inez Hedges
Professor Daniel Noemi Voionmaa

Appointed members:

Professor Laura Green-CSSH, English
Professor Paula Caligiuri-DMSB, International Business and Strategy

The search committee for a director of the *School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs* has been convened as follows:

Elected members:

Professor Christopher Bosso
Professor Timothy Hoff
Professor Gavin Shatkin

Appointed members:

Professor Lee Breckenridge-LAW
Professor Kathrin Zippel-CSSH, Sociology & Anthropology

SAC will be proposing a makeover of the Excellence in Teaching Awards Program to a less centralized process in order to recognize more teaching faculty. The proposal will ask that Colleges recognize their own faculty members for excellence in teaching. The University

honors convocation will recognize no more than one per College. Senators with input on this matter should email facultysenate@neu.edu

III. Professor Metghalchi read the following and it was seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED that the University establish the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering in the College of Engineering as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (11-0-0 on 13 November 2014)

Interim Chair Makowski explained that this curriculum has been under construction since the new department of bioengineering was approved last year. The program has been approved unanimously by the COE faculty and was approved as well by the COS Curriculum Committee and the UUCC. An estimated 80 students are expected in the first year with 100+ in subsequent years. These 80 will be from among the 800 incoming COE freshmen.

Dean Aubry added that similar programs throughout the country recruit and retain the best students and that it attracts the highest proportion of women.

VOTE to approve the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering: PASSED, 32-0-0

Adjourn: 11:59 AM

Respectfully submitted,

George Alverson, Secretary
Faculty Senate