



Northeastern University
Office of the Faculty Senate

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

I. The next meeting of the 2016-2017 Faculty Senate will be:

Date: Wednesday, 19 April 2017
Time: 11:45 AM to 1:25 PM
Place: Raytheon, 240 Egan

II. **AGENDA**

- II.1 Approval of the 5 April 2017 minutes
- II.2 SAC Report (Professor Sceppa)
- II.3 Provost's Report (Provost Bean)
- II.4 Questions & Discussion

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

- III.1 GRADUATE COUNCIL ACADEMIC PROPOSAL (Vice Provost He)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Master of Professional Studies in Geographic Information Technology be changed to the Master of Professional Studies in Geospatial Services in the College of Professional Studies as approved by the Graduate Council on 4 April 2017 (7-0-0).

- III.2 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH POLICY OVERSIGHT (Professor Nita-Rotaru)

Resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the 2016-2017 Senate Special Committee for Research Policy Oversight (RPOC).

Resolution #2

WHEREAS the Senate Committee for Research Policy Oversight (RPOC) recognizes the exemplary service provided by the IRB office

and that IRB staff members face immediate and ongoing difficulties in maintaining such standards due to case load increases and new responsibilities while operating at same number of FTE's for fourteen years:

BE IT RESOLVED that Northeastern IRB FTE staffing be increased as soon as possible.

III.3 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY (Professor Brooks)

Resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the 2016-2017 Senate Standing Committee for Information Technology Policy

Resolution #2

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate Committee for Information Technology (ITPC) recognizes that Information Technology Services (ITS) has many services and licensed software available for faculty use that most faculty are unaware of, and that both ITPC and ITS recognize that there is a need for significantly more effective communication between ITS and faculty,

BE IT RESOLVED that Northeastern ITS visit a faculty meeting in each college at least once per year to ascertain faculty concerns; to offer to visit faculty meetings of any individual units within each college that request such a meeting; to apprise faculty of the range of ITS software, services and activities related to faculty research and teaching; to solicit suggestions for both software and services; and to identify unmet faculty IT needs. ITS shall also provide all faculty with an organization chart and directory of contacts within ITS, organized in cooperation with ITPC so as to align categories with faculty needs.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Northeastern ITS meet with the ITPC at least twice per year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Northeastern ITS, the Provost's Office, and Human Resources work together so that ITS has a formal role in new faculty orientation to apprise new faculty of the range of ITS software, services and activities related to faculty research and teaching.

Resolution #3

WHEREAS the ITPC and the Senate Committee for Research Policy Oversight (RPOC) recognize that long-term efforts are underway to upgrade the University's financial management systems, but also

that faculty and College research support office face ongoing difficulty managing current and near-term grant expenditures that requires a near-term solution,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate and the Provost's Office establish a University-wide grant management working group, with membership drawn from principal investigators from each College, along with representatives from Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Office of Research Administration and Finance (ORAF). The committee shall be charged with identifying best practices and existing IT reporting tools within units at Northeastern and at other universities that will be implemented, expanded, or developed, and adopted University wide by September 2018.

III.4 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE (HERI) SURVEY (Professor McOwen)

Resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the 2016-2017 Senate ad hoc Committee for the Assessment of the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI).

Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the 2017-18 Senate Agenda Committee charge the Senate Standing Committee for Faculty Development to undertake a study of funding levels for faculty development and travel for all categories of full-time faculty across the colleges, and make recommendations for the appropriate minimum levels of funding, including adjustments for inflation.

Resolution #3

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the 2017-18 Senate Agenda Committee should charge the Research Policy Oversight Committee to undertake a study of unit-level support for research and make recommendations .

Resolution #4

BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the 2017-18 Senate Agenda Committee charge a joint committee comprised of staff from the Office of Marketing and Communications and faculty members to assess the impact of recent efforts to increase the dissemination of information about faculty accomplishments in teaching and research, and if warranted, make recommendations for improving this dissemination.

IV. CONTINUED BUSINESS: FACULTY HANDBOOK

IV.1 DISMISSAL PROCEEDINGS (Professor Silbey)

BE IT RESOLVED That the proposed *Dismissal Proceedings* module replace the current *Dismissal Proceedings* module in the Faculty Handbook.

IV.2 FACULTY DISCIPLINE (Professor Silbey)

BE IT RESOLVED That the proposed *Faculty Discipline* module replace the current module entitled *Policy Regarding Faculty Discipline* in the Faculty Handbook.