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

The eleventh meeting of the Fifty-Seventh Faculty Senate will be:

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018
Time: 11:45 AM to 1:25 PM
Place: 240 Egan – Raytheon Amphitheater

I.   ROUTINE BUSINESS
   A. Approval of April 4 minutes
   B. SAC Report (Professor Powers-Lee)
   C. Provost's Report (Provost Bean)
   D. Questions & Discussion

II.   NEW BUSINESS

   A. New Graduate Program: MS in Robotics (Professor McGruer)

   BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Master of Science in Robotics in the College of Engineering and the College of Computer and Information Systems as approved by the Graduate Council on 3/28/18 (8-0-0).

   B. New Graduate Program: PhD in Human Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences (Professor Dennerlein)

   BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the PhD in Human Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences in Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the Graduate Council on 3/28/18 (8-0-0).

   C. Program Name Change: MS in Urban Planning and Policy (Vice Provost He)

   ***BE IT RESOLVED* That the Master of Science in Urban Regional Policy be changed to the Master of Science in Urban Planning and Policy in the Colleges of Arts, Media & Design and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities as approved by the Graduate Council on 3/28/18 (8-0-0).**

   D. Faculty Handbook Resolution: Presence at the University (Professor Howard)

   ***BE IT RESOLVED* That the proposed *Presence at the University* module replace the current *Presence at the University* module in the Faculty Handbook.**

   E. Faculty Handbook Resolution Policy on Outside Professional Activities (Professor Howard)

   ***BE IT RESOLVED* That the proposed *Policy on Outside Professional Activities* module replace the current *Policy on Outside Professional Activities* module in the Faculty Handbook**

F. Report of the Senate Information Technology Policy Committee (Professor Brooks)

G. ITPC Resolution #1 (Professor Brooks)

WHEREAS the University administration is actively working to roll out a short-term software solution for grants management (Priority ONE), as well as a longer-term research management system with a significant software component (ePaws), and WHEREAS these initiatives are being led by ORAF, and WHEREAS integrated faculty and ITS involvement is essential for these and other software tools that impact faculty to effectively serve faculty needs,

***BE IT RESOLVED* that, as a matter of policy, ITPC, along with ITS, should have a formal role in decision-making process related to the design and delivery of ePaws and any other ongoing and future institutional software planning and rollout that will have a direct effect on teaching and research.**

H. ITPC Resolution #2 (Professor Brooks)

WHEREAS the growth in size and diversity of research computing activities across Northeastern's Colleges requires more comprehensive and multi-pronged research computing support than is currently available, despite advances in recent years in ITS support for research computing,

***BE IT RESOLVED* that ITPC and ITS should jointly develop a set of recommendations regarding IT services and staffing to broaden and deepen ITS support for research computing, and present the plan to the Senate by Dec 2018.**

I. ITPC Resolution #3 (Professor Brooks)

WHEREAS ITS and the Provost's Office are in the midst of an outside consultant review of cloud storage architecture and planning across the University,

***BE IT RESOLVED* that ITPC, ITS, and other relevant Senate committees should return in Fall 2018 to the 2016-2017 approved Senate resolution on backup, and the 2017-2018 charge to multiple standing committees to coordinate with ITS and other stakeholders to design a comprehensive backup/data storage plan for academic and research computing and develop an appropriate strategy to implement it.**

J. RPOC Resolution #1 (Professor McGruer)

***BE IT RESOLVED* that Research Finance and Research Administration should jointly develop a set of recommendations regarding (a)**

enhanced communication/synchronization between the two functions, (b) decreased turnover of personnel within ORAF, (c) plans for upgrading or replacing the outdated Banner system, and (d) facilitation of necessary personal interaction while maintaining the efficiency of the mandatory University Prior Approval Form, and present the plan to the Senate by Dec 2018.

K. RPOC Resolution #2 (Professor McGruer)

BE IT RESOLVED **that it is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the 2018-19 Senate Agenda Committee should charge the Research Policy Oversight Committee to (a) undertake a study of the current process for university-level seed funding of faculty research with a focus on the priorities, expected outcomes, and actual outcomes, (b) undertake a study of the current mechanisms to foster faculty-mentored undergraduate research, and (c) make recommendations for both sets of processes.**

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED **that it is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the 2018-19 Senate Agenda Committee should charge the Faculty Development Committee to undertake a study of the practices and procedures related to course buyout using overhead return funds and make recommendations.**

L. EAPC Resolution #1 (Professor Barczak)

BE IT RESOLVED **that students pursuing combined majors be provided access to academic and co-op advisors and to ongoing communication regarding opportunities for both areas of their combined degrees.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED **that prospective student Welcome Days, Open Houses and new student Orientations provide access to information, staff, faculty, and students relevant to both areas of their intended combined degrees.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED **that, when students have a choice of "home" college for combined degrees, clear communication is provided about the distinctions between services and opportunities in the participating colleges.**

M. EAPC Resolution #2 (Professor Barczak)

Whereas Northeastern students increasingly customize their plans of study,

BE IT RESOLVED that a software platform (e.g., *DegreeWorks*, already in use by CPS) be implemented that permits students to create, visualize and save multi-year course planning and "what if" scenarios, allowing access to these plans across Colleges by academic advisors, co-op advisors, and faculty mentors.

N. EAPC Resolution #3

>**BE IT RESOLVED** that EMSA, with support from ITS and with collaboration from the Associate Deans of the colleges, work to create a "One Application" prototype in the coming year which allows learners to navigate multiple educational opportunities at Northeastern through a single application platform throughout their professional lives and which eliminates a learner's need to complete entirely new admissions applications or registration forms for Northeastern programs in the future.

>**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the "One Application" platform will create a single lifelong academic record – which will be updated as each student progresses – that can be utilized to both match students with targeted experiences and to facilitate decisions about future educational opportunities for learners, such as gaining admittance to graduate programs, earning micro-credentials, and qualifying for fellowships/scholarships.

O. EAPC Resolution #4 (Professor Barczak)

>**BE IT RESOLVED** that EMSA work with the Graduate Associate Deans of the colleges, the Graduate Council, the PhD Network, and the Lifelong Learning Network to design and maintain a comprehensive web portal for all Northeastern graduate offerings which clarifies program distinctions and requirements.

P. EAPC Resolution #5 (Professor Barczak)

>**BE IT RESOLVED** That it is the sense of the Senate that the Dean's Council develop a framework to guide the lifelong learning approach across the University and to monitor and assess the progress/quality of the approach and that they develop mechanisms for clear communication about lifelong learning initiatives to faculty in the relevant units.

Q. FAC Resolution #3 (Professor Adams)

>**BE IT RESOLVED** That the Senate Agenda Committee draft policies for follow-up and implementation of Senate-approved resolutions, and that these policies be brought to the Senate for approval.