



Northeastern University

Office of the Faculty Senate

TO: FACULTY SENATE
FROM: Secretary, Faculty Senate
SUBJECT: Minutes, November 2, 2022

Present: Professors: Avalon, Board, Carr, Cisewski, Di Credico, Gonyeau, Hertz, Jaeggli, Kitagawa, Landsmark, Lin, Marano, McSherry, Molnar, Musselman, Nieves, Rappaport, Rawson, Sivak, Spencer, Strange, Vollmer, Willey, Zulick

Administrators: Hackney, Isaacs, Reid

Absent: (Professors) Caracoglia, Chiou, Folmar, Godoy-Carter, Krishnamoorthy, Moore, Rolland, Smith, Toledano Laredo
(Administrators) Madigan, Mynatt, Seshan, Wadia-Fascetti

CALL TO ORDER: 11:45 a.m.

I. SAC REPORT:

(The SAC report has been posted the Senate website.)

- Prof. Gonyeau noted that since the last senate meeting SAC has met twice.
- SAC and Provost office met once
- The work of the various search committees is ongoing. Including:

Bouvé College of Health Sciences: Dean, School of Nursing

D'Amore McKim School of Business: Dean

College of Engineering: Chair, Bioengineering

College of Social Sciences and Humanities: Dean

- SAC is developing a communication proposal and will obtain Provost, Chancellor offices and elected senator feedback
- The Fall Senate survey will be distributed tomorrow, Thurs., Nov. 3. The Senate committees submit questions to collect information to aid in advancing their committee charges with recommendations and resolutions for the senate.
- The Global Education committee sent out a survey to DOC faculty Oct 28th, due Nov. 3
https://neu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4VdloFGHzLeHQPA.
- Incorporation of Mills College into senate
Awaiting completion of collective bargaining process with unionized Mills' faculty.
- SGA request to add questions to TRACE. SAC is reviewing this request, and will consult with Provost office and elected senators.

Follow up to questions from the Oct. 19th Faculty Senate Meeting:

- Purchase orders and OGC review
The Provost office is following up with the specific college and is discussing convening a group from provost office, College reps, OGC, Procurement to review. Finance to discuss contract process and where improvements could be made.
- Student training re: cultural competence & DEI
From Student affairs:
 1. Student welcome session, An Inclusive Northeastern: Slides on DEI and resources and required online training covered
 2. Session on Student Involvement/Engagement – Cultural & Spiritual Life: DEI slides
 3. Orientation Leaders: 2 activities on DEI – Link and Stepping Up and Stepping In
- NUPath process
SAC discussing with UGCC re: NUPath analysis and potential revisions if necessary
- DEI Faculty goals
Latinx/Hispanic faculty representation (9.6%) lower than that for incoming staff and students at all levels (18%)
Karl Reid response: faculty goal set differently based on 2020 Call to Action
“Our specific intermediate goal is to double the percentage of new faculty hires from underrepresented groups across all our campuses within five years.” (“An Important Update from President Aoun,” October 19, 2020)

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Prof. Musselman noted that the UGCC members are not currently listed under the committee on the Faculty Senate website. UGCC is having an ongoing discussion on the NUPath attributes.

Joan Collins responded that the Senate Office is a little behind on the updating the website and the names will be posted soon.

Prof. Gonyeau said the provost office is ready to review and to make improvements to NUPath.

II. PROVOST REPORT:

Provost Madigan was traveling and unable to attend the Senate meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ACADEMIC PROPOSAL: GRADUATE COUNCIL PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Prof. Di Credico read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Master of Science in Nanomedicine in the College of Science as approved by the Graduate Council 22 September, 2022 (16-0-0).

Prof. Di Credico said there were many people involved in creating this new program.

She acknowledged Carla Mattos, Assoc. Dean of Graduate Affairs and Professional Programs for the COS. She said they are very excited about this program. It is on the cutting edge and there is a demand for it

right now and very few programs like this exist anywhere. This is an example of how Northeastern can be at the forefront of what is happening and really preparing students to enter the workforce knowledgeably in this area.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

VOTE on the resolution PASSED: 23-0-0.

B. ACADEMIC PROPOSAL: GRADUATE COUNCIL PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS, MEDIA AND DESIGN

Prof. Sivak read the following:

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Master of Science in Creative Collaboration and Multidisciplinary Design in the College of Arts, Media and Design as approved by the Graduate Council 21 September, 2022 (16-0-0).

Prof. Sivak recognized Ian Canning, Assistant Dean for Mobility, Exec & Partnership Programs in CAMD. He said they are very excited about this experiential MA program. The verticals of this program are focused on what CAMD and Northeastern do very well – indesign, methodology, data driven communication and creative team collaboration. The held an industry roundtable in Seattle to get industry feedback on this program. This is about network engagement, engagement with the business community. It is very flexibly structured to engage employers across the network. It is a 32 credit degree. It establishes synergies across a lot of the departments and schools in CAMD. We are excited for the launch of this program.

Prof. Gonyeau said when reading the course proposal he noticed the flexibility. This is what students are looking for. This sort of accelerated option that offers completion in as little as 18 months. It will attract students into the program.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

VOTE on the resolution PASSED: 23-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Prof. Rhonda Board
Senate Secretary