



Northeastern University Faculty Senate

TO: FACULTY SENATE
FROM: Secretary, Faculty Senate
SUBJECT: Minutes, March 29, 2023

Present: Professors: Avalon, Caracoglia, Carr, Chiou, Cisewski, Di Credico, Godoy-Carter, Gonyeau, Hertz, Jaeggli, Kitagawa, Krishnamoorthy, Landsmark, Lin, Marano, McSherry, Molnar, Moore, Musselman, Oet, Rawson, Sivak, Smith, Spencer, Strange, Toledano Laredo, Van Pelt

Administrators: Madigan, Hackney, Isaacs, Mynatt, Reid, Seshan, Wadia-Fascetti

Absent: (Professors) Chiou, Folmar, Nieves, Rappaport, Rolland, Vollmer, Willey

(Administrators)

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 noted that the CSSH Dept. of History Chair search committee has been finalized.
- Senate elections are underway for AY 2023_2024.
- SAC and the Provost office met twice. Topics included search committee updates and the review of standing committee final reports.
- SAC presented to the BOT AASE committee on March 23. Topics included: faculty governance and new senators from Mills, SAC's new communication plan, technology in the classroom and wellness for faculty and students.
- Prof. Gonyeau reviewed plans for the 4.12.23 senate meeting.
- He noted a program inactivation in DMSB: MS in Finance, online.

II. PROVOST REPORT:

Provost Madigan announced that the faculty recognition program to acknowledge 10 years, 15 years and 25 years of service milestones has been beefed up. The Provost will be sending them notes. A DEI Survey launched March 13 and runs to April 30th. The Provost encouraged everyone to take the and encourage others as well.

The Provost noted there is a lot going on in Registrar's office with the new Registrar, Rebecca Hunter. There is now a more user friendly version of the academic calendar. There is a lot of work going on around academic credit for experiential learning. Will be a call for pilots from the colleges. Keep an eye out for email from your college. Lots of smart people looking at this problem.

The April 20 Academic Honors ceremony will celebrate at once all the awards faculty have earned during

the year.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

III. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- A.** Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Waleed Meleis, presented the Report on Graduate Council Bylaws.

(Revised Graduate Council Bylaws and Graduate Council Presentation are both posted the the Senate website.)

Vice Provost Meleis said that Move program policies would be moved from the bylaws to the graduate catalog. The Graduate Council bylaws have become quite long, more than 20 pages, and hard to manage. They include detailed academic policies unrelated to the operation of that committee. "Bylaws" should describe rules for how an organization functions: membership, how meetings are organized, voting, and scope.

The Graduate Bylaws would continue to include:

- Mission and purpose of the Graduate Council,
- Membership,
- Procedures for revising and approving graduate programs (with Senate approval), and
- Procedures for program suspension, reinstatement, and elimination.

Regulations and requirements regarding the programs themselves would be placed in the catalog, including:

- Guidelines for degree designations for graduate programs
- Regulations applying to all graduate programs
- Regulations and requirements for graduate certificate programs
- Regulations and requirements for master's degree programs
- Regulations and requirements for PlusOne degree combinations
- Regulations and requirements for professional doctorate degree programs
- Regulations and requirements for CAGS
- Regulations and requirements for the PhD
- Regulations and requirements for interdisciplinary graduate degrees

Advantages to these changes include:

- The Senate retains direct oversight.
- Graduate policies will be reviewed and approved by graduate network associate deans and placed in the catalog.
- Undergrad and grad bylaws/policies would be handles similarly. egulations and requirements for the PhD.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

- B.** Prof. Gonyeau read the following:

RESOLUTION #1:

BE IT RESOLVED That the updated Graduate Council Bylaws replace the current Graduate Council Bylaws, as edited, and recommended by the Graduate Affairs

Committee.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

The vote on the resolution PASSED: 26-1-2.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Prof. Rawson read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2:

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Science in [Health Humanities and Health Science](#) in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on 1 March 2023 (17-0-0).

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

The vote on the resolution PASSED: 26-0-0.

B. Prof. Rawson read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #3:

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Arts in [Health Humanities and Public Health](#) in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on 1 March 2023 (17-0-0).

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

The vote on the resolution PASSED: 26-0-0.

C. Prof. Carr read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #4:

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Arts in [Public Relations](#) in the College of Arts Media and Design as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 15 February 2023, (16-0-0).

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

The vote on the resolution PASSED: 27-0-0.

D. Prof. Caracoglia read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #5:

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Master of Science in [Climate Science and Engineering](#) in the College of Engineering as approved by the Graduate Council Committee 22 February 2023, (14-0-0).

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

The vote on the resolution PASSED: 29-0-0.

- E. Prof. Wamai presented the RPOC report reviewing the committee charges and recommendations. (The entire RPOC final report is posted to the Senate website.)

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Prof. Lin asked if there was a new director for the IRB office? She noted that she appreciated the work of Nan Regina, previous director, and that she still responds to her students.

Prof. Wamai said yes, there was a new director.

Prof. Gonyeau thanked the committee for their work.

- F. Prof. Cisewski presented the report of the FTNTTFC. (The FTNTTFC can be found on the Senate website.)

Prof. Cisewski reviewed the charges and recommendation of the FTNTTFC. Highlights of the report included a focus on the definition and details of the One Faculty Model. The committee deems it appropriate to explore the history of the One Faculty Model – most of what the one faculty model entails is through senate minutes, bylaws and resolutions. There are certain resolutions that address this but it's not officially in the Faculty Handbook. The committee noted they hadn't found one written document of what this means.

The idea of Northeastern's One Faculty model is to "minimize the differences (with the exception of tenure) in the rights and responsibilities between the various classifications of full-time faculty in the Faculty Handbook"

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Prof. Holloway said they didn't see listed in the list of titles – research faculty. How were research faculty reflected in the survey and how are you engaging them moving forward?

Prof. Cisewski said on the list they have assoc. research scientisti. Prof. Cisewski added if there is a large number of them would recommend a 5th category.

Sr. Vice Provost Franko said Research faculty are a type of faculty noted in the Faculty Handbook and would not be able to lump them.

Prof. Gonyeau said he didn't think SAC included any of the titles in how they asked their questions. But that this is a great point and need to take it forward as that conversation continues.

Prof. Strange said they liked recommendation that we write down what the one faculty is. Instead of every college, shouldn't we have this on the university level. A lot varies between network campuses.

Prof. Cisewski said the reason they left at the college/department level is because so much else is there.

Prof. Jaeggli said the chart did not include co-op faculty and wondered if the charge could include a mention of co-op faculty?

Prof. Cisewski said she knew co-op faculty have asked about being assigned one of those four titles. Knows co-op faculty would like a change.

Prof. Spencer thanked the committee for their work. She said the One Faculty model does exist but not in the Handbook. She would recommend this is a charge for the Handbook Committee in the turnover with the new SAC.

Prof. Musselman echoed Prof. Strange – dislike the idea of this being done college by college. A lot of inequities are coming from within colleges and that is not okay.

Prof. Benda mentioned a quick thought about co-op and research faculty - maybe the committee should have members from these groups. Prof. Gonyeau noted that the call for volunteers does go out to all faculty. SAC /the Senate want membership of all faculty types.

G. Prof. Cisewski read the following FTNTTFC resolution:

RESOLUTION #6:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Handbook Committee of 2023-2024 be charged to add language to the faculty handbook outlining the one faculty model.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

There were no questions.

The vote on the resolution PASSED: 28-0-0.

H. Prof. McSherry acknowledged Prof. Mall who presented the Faculty Development Committee Report.
(The FDC report can be found on the Faculty Senate website.)

Prof. Mall reviewed the charges and recommendations of the Faculty Development Committee Report.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Prof. Rebekah Moore was excited that so many people mentioned CATLR – how can we better support CATLR going forward. She noted they lost their space in the library. There are increasing burdens on CATLR – right now don't know that they have the resources.

Prof. Gonyeau said he was not even sure of different pedagogical support. What would we tell CATLR to do?

Prof. Mall said we have an opportunity to lead with combined majors here at NU because not a lot of colleges are doing this.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Prof. Michelle Carr
Senate Secretary