



## Northeastern University Faculty Senate

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

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The tenth meeting of the sixty fourth Faculty Senate will be:

**Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

**Time: 11:45 AM to 1:25 PM. ET**

**VIRTUAL MEETING via Teams**

**Please note, the meeting will be recorded for the purpose of taking notes. All Senators and Appointed Administrators have been sent an invite.**

**We ask all participants to start the meeting muted.  
For other faculty who wish to participate, please click on the link below.**

### **I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- 1. SAC Report (Professor Heidi Kevoe Feldman).**
- 2. Provost's Report (Provost Madigan).**
- 3. Questions and discussion.**

### **II. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. REVISION OF THE FACULTY HANDBOOK BYLAWS (PROFESSOR DEE SPENCER).**

**Resolution to change Section 3.b. "Elections and Terms of Senators" of the Bylaws of the Faculty Handbook**

**WHEREAS** The Faculty Senate, together with the Administration of the University, has the responsibility of maintaining and improving the academic standards of the University and making the functioning of the University more effective and harmonious; and

**WHEREAS** Faculty Senators who serve multiple terms accrue significant experience and knowledge about the functioning of the Faculty Senate, university governance, academic issues, and faculty concerns; and

**WHEREAS** this continuity allows them to advocate more effectively for policies that support faculty interests and student success, to maintain stability in leadership and decision-making, to mentor and transfer knowledge to new Faculty Senate members, to offer historical context, and to more efficiently address long-term goals without the disruptions that come with frequent turnover; and

**WHEREAS** an elected Faculty Senate member who has just completed two successive full terms is not eligible for reelection until a year later;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.b. “Elections and Terms of Senators”** of the Bylaws of the Faculty Handbook be amended as follows:

*From:* A member may serve **two** successive full terms. A member who has just completed **two** successive full terms is eligible for reelection a year later.

*To:* A member may serve **three** successive full terms. A member who has just completed **three** successive full terms is eligible for reelection a year later.

## **B. REVISION OF THE FACULTY HANDBOOK BYLAWS (PROFESSOR DEE SPENCER).**

### **Resolution to change Section 3.a. “Officers of the Senate” and Section 4.a. “Committees of the Faculty Senate” of the Bylaws of the Faculty Handbook**

**WHEREAS** the Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee establishes the agendas for the Faculty Senate meetings, and presides over the Faculty Senate meetings; and

**WHEREAS** “Provost’s Remarks” is a standing agenda item at Faculty Senate meetings; and

**WHEREAS** language in the Bylaws of the Faculty Handbook does not accurately reflect these practices;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 3.a. “Officers of the Senate”** of the Bylaws of the Faculty Handbook be amended to reflect existing practices, as follows:

*From:*

a. Officers of the Senate

1. The Chair of the Faculty Senate shall be the **Provost**. The Chair shall normally preside at all meetings of the Senate, although the President of the University may preside at the President's pleasure.
2. The **Vice Chair** shall be elected annually from among the elected members of the Senate. The Vice Chair shall preside at the Senate in the absence of the Chair, and act as Chair of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee. In either of these capacities, the Vice Chair shall retain their right to vote.
3. The **Secretary** shall be elected annually from among the elected members of the Senate. The Secretary shall record the business of the Senate, and at the completion of every academic year shall submit a written report of the Senate's activities to the University faculty.
4. The remaining four members of the Agenda Committee shall be elected annually from among the elected members of the Senate.
5. The procedure for the election of the Vice Chair, Secretary and remaining four members of the Senate Agenda Committee shall be the same as that for election of Senators (below).

*To:*

a. Officers of the Senate

1. The Chair of the Faculty Senate shall be the **Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee**. The Chair shall normally preside at all meetings of the Senate, although the President of the University may preside at the President's pleasure. **Provost's Remarks shall be a standing agenda item at all meetings of the Faculty Senate.**
2. The **Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee** shall be elected annually from among the elected members of the Senate. In either of these capacities (Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee or Chair of the Faculty Senate), the **Chair** shall retain their right to vote.
3. The **Vice Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee** shall be elected annually from among the elected members of the Senate. The **Vice Chair** shall record the business of the Senate, and at the completion of every academic year shall submit a written report of the Senate's activities to the University faculty. The Vice Chair shall preside at the Senate in the absence of the Chair. In either of these capacities (Vice Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee or Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate), the **Vice Chair** shall retain their right to vote.
4. The remaining four members of the Agenda Committee shall be elected annually from among the elected members of the Senate.
5. The procedure for the election of the **Chair, Vice Chair**, and remaining four members of the Senate Agenda Committee shall be the same as that for election of Senators (below).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Section 4.a. “Committees of the Faculty Senate”** of the Bylaws of the Faculty Handbook be amended to reflect these changes, as follows:

*From:*

a. Faculty Senate Agenda Committee

This Committee consists of the **Vice Chair of the Senate** who will act as chair of the Committee; the **Secretary of the Senate** who will be its **secretary**; and four additional Senators elected annually by the Senate from among the elected members of the Senate.

*To:*

a. Faculty Senate Agenda Committee

This Committee consists of the **Chair of the Senate** who will act as chair of the Committee; the **Vice Chair of the Senate** who will be its **Vice Chair**; and four additional Senators elected annually by the Senate from among the elected members of the Senate

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