



## Northeastern University Faculty Senate

**TO:** The Faculty Senate  
**FROM:** Secretary of the Faculty Senate  
**SUBJECT:** Minutes, 26 February, 2025

Present: Professors Adams, Alexis, Averett, Bhutta, Bloom, Carr, Chiou, Diani DiBattista, Di Credico, DiCristina, Godoy-Carter, Hamandi, Herron, Hill, Hodeghatta, Homan, Ingemi, Ivanova, Kahn, Kevoe Feldman, Lahr, Landsmark, Lowrey, Mellette, Molnar, Parameswaran, Rappaport, Rawson, Rejtar, Shrivastava, Sivak, Spencer, Stefanik, Strange, Tjiptowidjojo, Toledano Laredo, Triest, Un, Viola, Walker J., Walker L., West.

Administrators: Madigan, De Cremer, Dyal-Chand, Gallagher, Isaacs, Jackson, Tsai.

Absent: (Professors): Eckelman. Hamandi, Ivanov, Lowrey.

Absent: (Administrators):

Call To Order: 11:45 a.m.

### I. SAC REPORT.

(The SAC report has been posted on the senate website.)

- The ad hoc Academic Freedom Committee is staffed and charged. Committee members include Professor Amy McGreevy, BCHS; Professor Michelle Rego, CPS; Professor Jack Thomas, Khoury; Professor Bala Maheswaran, COE; Professor Louise Walker, CSSH. The committee's charges can be found on the Senate website.
- Reminder to vote on Ratification of Proposed Bylaws amendments sent by: [noreply@qemailserver.com](mailto:noreply@qemailserver.com)
- Professor Dan Adams, CAMD, has been selected as the 61st Annual Robert D. Klein Lecturer and will give his talk on Tuesday, April 1, 2:00-3:00pm EDT.
- Professor Dee Spencer, DMSB and SAC secretary will serve as the Faculty Senate representative on the Northeastern University Policy Oversight Committee.

### II. PROVOST REPORT.

Provost Madigan was unable to attend today's Faculty Senate meeting.

Sr. Vice Provost Deb Franko presented the Provost Report.

- The search for a new Provost is underway. To offer feedback on the search process, please email [Provostsuggestions@northeastern.edu](mailto:Provostsuggestions@northeastern.edu).
- Commencement will occur on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> in Fenway Park. Anyone interested in volunteering as a Faculty Marshall should contact Chelsea Kryspin, Associate Director,

Academic Ceremonies, at [c.krystin@northeastern.edu](mailto:c.krystin@northeastern.edu). The deadline to volunteer is Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

- Professor Bhutta, Khoury, asked where it is written that the Provost has the authority to approve/disapprove Faculty Senate resolutions? This authority is not delineated in the Faculty Handbook.

Sr. Vice Provost Franko said that the Provost is the chief academic officer and she believes that is where his authority comes from.

### **III. PRESENTATION:**

#### **DANIELLE REMIGIO-MCGRATH, DIRECTOR OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & CONFLICT RESOLUTION (OSCCR)**

##### ***COLLABORATING WITH OSCCR***

Director Remigio-McGrath gave an overview of OSCCR. The office oversees all of the Northeastern campuses with respect to the code of conduct and meets with undergraduate and graduate students who allegedly violate campus policies and need conflict mediation guidance or assistance.

The presentation has been posted to the senate website.

### **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

- Professor Laney Strange, Khoury: Faculty used to be able to file an Academic Integrity Report that was informational only. That is no longer an option. Can you explain why?

Director Remigio-McGrath: That option was removed because it became confusing to faculty.

Professor Strange: Is there guidance for faculty who struggle with whether or not to file a report?

Director Remigio-McGrath: When in doubt, report it. OSCCR will determine the level of severity and how the matter should be handled.

- Professor Walker: Faculty struggle with determining whether or not students inappropriately have used AI for course deliverables. It would be helpful if OSCCR (or another unit) provided tips to faculty who want to prohibit these tools.

Director Remigio-McGrath: Sometimes we don't have enough evidence to prove that a student has inappropriately used AI. But a conversation with a student is sometimes enough to make them realize they are on someone's radar.

OSCCR has explicitly stated that students must adhere to faculty rules regarding the use of AI.

### **RETURN TO QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION RE: RESOLUTIONS:**

- Professor Kevoe Feldman read from the Faculty Senate Bylaws, Section 5 - Procedural Policy of the Faculty Senate:
  - b. The Faculty Senate will forward resolutions and reports to the University President, who forwards them to the Board of Trustees as appropriate. Certain routine matters, however, may be forwarded at the discretion of the Senate to an appropriate administrator through the Office of the President.
- Professor Kevoe Feldman: This language does not reference the Provost's authority to approve or deny resolutions. However, the Provost is the President's designee to the Faculty Senate, and that may be where the authority originates.
- Professor Spencer asked Sr. Vice Provost Franko if there were other documents that could explain the processes that are followed in practice, but that are not delineated in the Faculty Handbook.

Sr. Vice Provost Franko: The Bylaws of the Corporation describe how the university works.

- Professor Spencer asked if Sr. Vice Provost could share the Bylaws of the Corporation with the Faculty Senate so that faculty could better understand how the university works.

Sr. Vice Provost Franko indicated that she would do so.

- Professor Triest: Provost Madigan indicated that he would report on his decisions regarding approval/disapproval of senate resolutions and explain why a specific resolution might not be adopted. Given that we will have a new Provost shortly, could SAC work with the Provost to establish procedures related to what happens after the Senate passes a resolution?

Sr. Vice Provost Franko and Professor Kevoe Feldman agreed that this would be helpful.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Professor Dee Spencer