



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

The seventh meeting of the sixty-fifth Faculty Senate will be:

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Time: 11:45 AM to 1:25 p.m. 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. CALL TO ORDER.

APPROVAL OF 11_19_25 MINUTES.

II. REPORTS

- A. SAC REPORT (PROFESSOR DEE SPENCER, DMSB).**
- B. PROVOST'S REPORT (PROVOST BETH WINKELSTEIN).**
- C. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION.**

III. PRESENTATION:

DAVID LAZER

**UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND COMPUTER SCIENCES,
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES; KHOURY COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**

PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION, RESULTS FROM A LARGE-SCALE SURVEY

PRESENTATION:

**MICHAEL DAVIS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR GLOBAL SAFETY & POLICING.
RUBEN GALINDO, ASSOC. VICE PRESIDENT FOR CAMPUS POLICING.**

NUPD OVERVIEW.

PRESENTATION:

**PETER DESNOYERS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF KHOURY COLLEGE**

CORE PRINCIPLES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF THE CORE PRINCIPLES COMMITTEE (PROFESSOR PETER DESNOYERS)

WHEREAS Northeastern University's core principles include a commitment to remaining a diverse, inclusive, and truly global university [1], and to serving as a center of open inquiry where, in their pursuit of truth, faculty, students, and staff are free to exchange ideas and opinions across a full range of viewpoints without fear of retribution, censorship, or deportation [2];

WHEREAS the US government has conducted a widespread effort [3] to deny free speech and academic freedom to non-citizen members of the academic community via arrests, jailing, and deportation of individuals engaging in protected speech critical of the US administration and its policies, and

WHEREAS the US government has sought by means including executive order, university agreements, and regulatory and funding agency actions, to (1) erase identities of transgender members of university communities [4], and prohibit campus speech on gender-related topics, and (2) restrict university speech, teaching, and inquiry in additional areas [5], including but not limited to climate science, diversity, and racial justice; and

WHEREAS these actions have included both direct government actions against individuals and efforts to require universities themselves to enforce these denials of freedom,

BE IT AFFIRMED THAT the Faculty Senate states its full support for the University and those members of the Northeastern community impacted by these actions; specifically:

(1) As a global university, we hold that the rights of members of our community to academic freedom and free speech apply to US citizens and non-citizens alike;

(2) As members of a university community made stronger by its diversity, and embracing a respect for the universal dignity of all members of the NU community, we support our transgender members and fully support their rights to identity and freedom from discrimination; and

(3) As an institution of higher learning we support all areas of scholarly activity, and oppose efforts to curb academic freedom or institutional autonomy via limits on any aspect of our academic mission.

We believe that the aforementioned attacks and demands, whether against the University itself or targeted against individuals, are attacks against the institutional independence of the University and its core principles.

We therefore call on the Office of the President to uphold these core principles by (a) opposing any external demands or agreements that it violate the academic freedom or civil liberties of members of the University community, and (b) refusing assistance to any external efforts to identify and/or sanction community members for exercising these rights of free speech and academic freedom. We further call on the Office of the President to use all reasonable means, up to and including litigation, to defend these core principles.

[1] "Reaffirming our core values", Joseph Aoun, 2/5/2017

[2] "A Call for Constructive Engagement", AAC&U, 4/2025

[3] AAUP v Rubio, 9/30/2025

[4] "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government", 1/20/2025

[5] "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education", 10/1/2025

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

BALA MAHESWARAN

TEACHING PROFESSOR AT THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

A BRIEF REPORT REGARDING THE POLICY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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