

# **Faculty Senate Meeting**

## **February 25, 2026**

### **Agenda and SAC Report**

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# Agenda

## **Routine Business**

1. Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes
2. SAC Report
  - Professor Dee Spencer (DMSB)
3. Provost's Report
  - Provost Beth Winkelstein
4. Questions and Discussion

# Agenda

## Curriculum Items

1. Academic Proposal: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Program in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences (Professor Stefanik)

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, BS in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee February 11, 2026 (17-0-0).

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## **Curriculum Items (continued)**

2. Academic Proposal: University Graduate Curriculum Committee Program in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences (Professor Hinerman)

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Master of Science in Precision Health, MS in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the University Graduate Curriculum Committee February 4, 2026 (19-0-0).

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## **Curriculum Items (continued)**

3. Academic Proposal: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Program in the College of Engineering (Professor TBD)

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Design, BS in the College of Engineering as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee February 13, 2026 (18-0-0).

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## Curriculum Items (continued)

4. Academic Proposal: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Program in the D'Amore McKim School of Business (Professor Bai)

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Finance, BS in the D'Amore McKim School of Business as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee February 11, 2026 (17-0-0).

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## **Curriculum Items (continued)**

5. Academic Proposal: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in the College of Professional Studies (Professor Alexis)

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Science in Applied AI, BS in the College of Professional Studies as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee January 14, 2026 (18-0-0).

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## **Curriculum Items (continued)**

6. Academic Proposal: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in the Khoury College of Computer Sciences (Professor TBD)

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence, BS in the Khoury College of Computer Sciences as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee February 11, 2026 (14-0-3).

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## **Presentation**

### Academic Freedom Committee

- Professor Anna Lamin, DMSB
- Professor Charles Keckler, CPS
- Professor Michelle Rego, CPS, Co-Chair
- Professor Jack Thomas, Khoury
- Professor Louise Walker, CHHS, Co-Chair

## **Academic Freedom Dissent**

- Professor Anna Lamin, DMSB

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## Academic Freedom Resolutions

1. Resolution to share best practices with relevant units
2. Resolution to consolidate and communicate existing university rules on classroom recordings: **WITHDRAWN**
3. Resolution for the Faculty Senate to endorse institutional neutrality for the University and its leaders
4. Resolution for the Faculty Senate to recommend that the Board of Trustees endorse neutrality for the University and its leaders
5. Resolution for the Faculty Senate to endorse the Chicago Statement

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## **Academic Freedom Resolutions (continued)**

6. Resolution to edit the Faculty Handbook's "Statement on Free Expression"
7. Resolution for the Faculty Senate to recommend that the Board of Trustees endorse the Chicago Statement
8. Resolution for next year's SAC to charge a committee with improving academic freedom for faculty not covered by the Faculty Handbook

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## **Presentation**

### Belonging Committee

- Professor Jennifer Cassano, MCNU, Co-Chair
- Professor Tarik Gouthier, COS
- Professor Bawesh Sah, DMSB
- Professor Bridget Smyser, COE, Chair

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## **Belonging Committee Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the university adopts the following definition of belonging: Belonging means that everyone is treated and feels like a full member of the larger community and is able to thrive through a culture of inclusivity, empowerment, and collaboration.

## **New Business**

# Meeting Procedures

- Robert's Rules govern meeting procedures
- Agendas & minutes e-mailed one week prior to meetings
- Link available from [faculty senate@northeastern.edu](mailto:faculty senate@northeastern.edu)
- All faculty welcome to attend
- Voting is restricted to senators and appointed administrators

## **Speaking Protocol**

- Use raise hand function & wait to be recognized
- Non-senators may speak after being recognized by a senator
- To encourage broad participation, please allow others to speak before raising your hand to speak again

# Managing Meeting Time

- To help us stay on schedule, please save questions that are unrelated to agenda items for the New Business section
- During New Business, you may raise any concerns not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- Topics requiring extended discussion will be considered by SAC for future agendas
- Provost Q & A remains open for any questions

## Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

- The minutes have been distributed. Are there any corrections or additions?

### SAC Summary

- Since our last senate meeting, SAC has met 2 times, hosted 1 Elected Senators meeting, and met with the Provost once.

# Questions?



# Provost's Report

