

SAC Report

Faculty Senate Meeting
21 October 2020

SAC Activities

Since 7 September 2020, met 2 times and completed committee kick-off meetings.

- Committee members and charges are available at the [Faculty Senate website](#)
- Administrator evaluation surveys for deans/chairs under evaluation were sent to relevant faculty members
- Continuing work on confirming presenters and topics for upcoming senate meetings

Met with Provost Madigan & Deb Franko once; topics of discussion included:

- Upcoming Faculty Handbook NTT Dismissal Module
- Remote work policy for Spring 2021
- Gathering information from faculty regarding caregiving impact on their work

Requested help from senators to gather information from faculty on caregiving challenges

- A survey template prepared by Bouve senators is available, if desired
- Started receiving information directly faculty as well as via senators in various colleges

Some Preliminary Information Gathered From Faculty

Concerns on expected edicts on faculty options for Spring 2021

Faculty with caregiving responsibilities are feeling overwhelmed and vulnerable

Simple solutions can help significantly

- e.g., increased schedule flexibility, reduced service expectation, easier access to temporary parental leave

Care.com benefits are perceived as not helpful/useful in addressing challenges

Reports of problems with Care.com service itself even before the pandemic

Curriculum Inactivations:

CPS – Liberal Studies, BS

BCHS – Rehabilitation Studies, BS

Information from Student Government Association

On October 19th, SGA voted on a resolution that calls for NU to make Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 a campus-wide election holiday.

- Relevant SGA documents are available at the faculty senate office on request.