

SAC Report

Faculty Senate Meeting
20 January 2021

SAC activities since 2 December 2020

Met 3 times for usual business and worked offline with senators and committee members on business including administrator evaluations. Charged by Provost Madigan, worked with Khoury Faculty to elect and appoint members for the Khoury Dean Search Committee.

Met with Provost Madigan & Deb Franko twice, as well as once with the President's Cabinet. Major topics of discussion included:

- SAC help in forming the strategic planning committees and senate/faculty participation in the process
- Impact of COVID on finances, operations, and the university community, as well as plans on vaccinations
- Possible inclusion of a Statement on Free Expression in the Faculty Handbook

Curriculum updates from UUCC:

- Name change of CAMD minor from Professional Presentation to Improvisation and Storytelling
- COS inactivated BS in Environmental Science; replaced by BS in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences (EES)
- COS inactivated BS in Environmental Science and Landscape Architecture; replaced by EES

In the light of the growing climate crisis and its impact in society, especially considering the fact that adverse effects of climate change inequitably effects people with different demographics, and noting that we must continue to build on Northeastern's already strong [Commitment to Sustainability](#), SAC plans to form an Ad-hoc Committee on Climate Justice Action Planning.