

Northeastern University

Faculty Senate

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The Faculty Senate acts as a coordinating body to provide communication between the Administration and general University faculty, and to initiate consideration on any matter of faculty concern. For more information, please visit the [senate website](#).

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9/15/21 Faculty Senate Meeting Highlights

1. University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UUC) Bylaws update approved
 2. Updated [NU Academic Plan](#)
- Presentations Included:*
3. **A Blueprint for Inclusion: An Update on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Plan and the Anti-Racism Training Program** Facilitated by Karl Reid, Sr. Vice Provost & Chief Inclusion Officer
 - o Diversity is not inclusion. It is not enough having diverse faculty, staff and students. It's ensuring they thrive when here.
 - o New mandatory training being finalized and will be customized for faculty, staff, and student, rolled out starting 11/1/21.
 4. **Student Success Initiative.** Facilitated by Connie Yowell, Sr. Vice Chancellor Education Innovation
 - o Created a student app that acts as a resource hub
 - o Launched 8/26/21: All first year students paired with student success guide.
 - o When students come to faculty/staff with non-academic questions, remind them they have this support and to connect with their student success guide.
 - o Happy to come to first-year classes and show students how to use the hub, etc.
 5. **Student Mental Health Support.** Facilitated by Debra L. Franko, Senior Vice Provost For Academic Affairs, Christine Civileto, Interim Executive Director of University Health and Counseling Services, and Megan O'Hara Associate Director, Office of Prevention & Education:
 - o Been difficult past 18 months. Student mental health concerns increased during this time. Faculty did not feel equipped to respond to them.
 - o A guide developed for faculty when working with a struggling student. Can be found on www.provost.northeastern.edu/resources/faculty.
 - o A video of this presentation "Supporting Student Mental Health" will be posted to the Faculty Senate website.

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings

- Please join us for our virtual Teams meetings!
- Fall 2021 semester meetings (11:45am -1:25 pm):
- o September 15
 - o October 6
 - o October 20
 - o November 3
 - o November 17
 - o December 1

President Aoun will address the faculty senate at the October 6th meeting, please join us!

