# 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

**Your Faculty Senators:** 



10/6/21 Faculty Senate

## Meeting Highlights

#### Presentations Included:

### 1. President Aoun's annual address to the Faculty Senate

- Lessons learned during Covid:
  - NU forges ahead while other institutions cutting back
  - Students still want a residential college experience
  - Teaching and learning technology integration here to stay
  - Continue to focus on our experiential ed model
  - Our research enterprise surged during this difficult time
- Black Lives Matter:
  - A powerful movement, along with other movements such as Asian American and people of color
  - Many universities caught flat footed, and our community gathered to see what to do to change the situation
  - While our university is diverse in many ways, we need to continue to diversify faculty, staff and student body, and we need to innovate in ways we are thinking about diversification and opportunities/access
- New Academic Plan:
  - NU 2025 was successful and put us on the map in new ways in higher ed
  - Our students are looking for:
    - Experiential ed/Co-op
    - Combined majors (explicitly humanics)
    - Research and discovery
    - Mobility/flexibility with differentiated experiences across the global university
  - We cannot stand still and be satisfied. Why? World is noticing our model and trying to duplicate it
  - Tenets of new plan: experience unleashed. Whatever we do, we have to integrate context in which we live, study, we impact and are impacted by
  - We are building a global university system two comprehensive campuses, one on west coast (Mills college) and one on east that adapt to context in which they exist. We are nationwide and worldwide.

Upcoming **Faculty Senate Meetings** 

Please join us for our virtual Teams meetings!

Fall 2021 semester meetings (11:45am -1:25 pm):

- o September 15
- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1

**Provost Madigan and Chancellor Henderson will** address the faculty senate at the October 20th meeting, please join us!

