



Northeastern  
University

# SAC Report

## Faculty Senate Meeting

March 2, 2022

# SAC Activities

Since February 16, 2022:

- SAC met 2 times
  - Invited Diane Levin, NU Ombuds to SAC meeting 3/1/22 for updates
- Developed/sent out Senate newsletter

# SAC Activities

- Scheduling senate meeting agendas
  - Senate committee reports
  - Administration presentations
- Scheduling elected senator meetings
- Constituting search committees:
  - Chair, Physical Therapy and Movement Rehabilitation Sciences
  - Chair, Bioengineering
- Working on senate election procedures for AY '22-'23
- Scheduling a meeting with Mills College faculty council

# SAC Activities

Discussion of items communicated to us by senators and faculty:

- **Academic integrity issues: Coursehero**
  - Faculty brought to our attention numerous websites upon which students can upload course materials of any kind that can be shared with other students, often times for subscription to the platform (either monetary or access via submitting a certain number of materials)
- **Ombud's update:**
  - Significant increase in number of visits to Ombuds vs. previous years
  - Visitors expressed issues with trust in leadership (mostly at the college level (i.e. Dean and maybe others on Dean's leadership team). Morale quite low, and many do not feel valued.
  - Anxiety from faculty and staff related to finances and inflation and retention.
  - Significantly more referrals from Ombuds office to Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
  - SAC working with Provost office in these areas

# SAC Activities

Update on Traumatic events that occur on campus:

- University response to student, faculty and staff traumatic events on campus (i.e. assault, medical emergency, death etc.)
- Struggling to manage the balance family's wishes with the needs of the university community
- Previous student deaths on campus happened in residence halls, and the community affected easily identifiable
  - University plan in place for how to deal with this situation, but events occurring in a university public space not fully accounted for
- Office of Student Affairs has recognized their challenges in identifying the community affected by the recent student death
- Plan: talk to academic advisors, give info to those that need it that still respects family wishes (i.e. not a college dean or president email out to everyone)
- Team from NUPD and a team from student affairs – work the site and help the community, once identified

# SAC Provost meetings

- SAC met with Provost Madigan, Chancellor Henderson and Senior Vice Provost Franko Discussion:
  - Follow up on past senate resolutions
  - Communication strategies
  - Mills college updates
  - Faculty concerns
    - Shared governance
    - Faculty and staff mental health
    - Faculty handbook updates
    - COVID-19 restriction easing

# Questions?



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Tomorrow.... (Hopefully)

