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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](#)



1/18/2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Highlights

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings

Faculty Senate Votes:

- A. **ACADEMIC PROPOSAL:** Bachelor of Arts in Global Asian Studies as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on 7 December, 2022. **Approved by the Faculty Senate January 18, 2023.**
- B. Resolution that Mills College at be established as the 10th college of Northeastern University, that Mills College be authorized to offer degrees, and that new degree programs proposed by Mills College at Northeastern must follow the approval processes of the university. **Approved by the Faculty Senate January 18, 2023.**
- C. Resolution that the recommended raise pool for merit for FY 2024 be 8.7%, at a minimum, of continuing salaries starting on July 1, 2023. **Approved by the Faculty Senate January 18, 2023.**

Senate Agenda Committee Updates (Professor Gonyeau)

- A. Because we are expanding our campuses, Faculty Senate virtual meetings will continue. To emulate in-person meetings, we ask that all faculty members turn their cameras on for the duration of each meeting.
- B. Welcome our new Senate Agenda Committee Member, Yingzi Lin (COE)!

Provost's Report (Provost Madigan)

- A. Northeastern is a finalist in a climate competition being hosted by the city of New York. The winner will be announced on April 22, 2023.

Please join us for our virtual Teams meetings!

Spring 2023 semester meetings

(11:45am -1:25 pm):

- February 1
- February 15
- March 1
- March 29
- April 12

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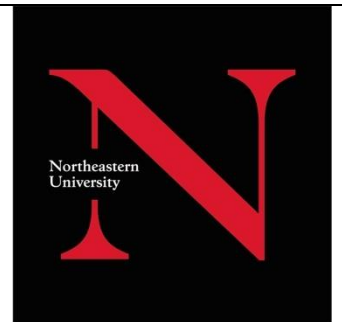
- B. Graduate Students at many of our peer institutions have unionized. Northeastern Graduate Students report that they have collected enough signatures to hold an election to unionize. More information will be forthcoming from Provost.
- C. There is a “huge” amount of faculty hiring going on. Thank you to all the faculty who have participated on search committees.
- D. College Dean Searches: D’Amore McKim School of Business is hopefully wrapping up and the College of Social Science and Humanities is just getting under way.
- E. We will be doing our biannual DEI survey in February. Please participate and encourage others to do so. We especially want more students to take the survey.
- F. Provost Madigan attended a meeting of peer institutions wherein they discussed Chat GPT and other AIs that are being used by students. Concerns: Plagiarism and other forms of cheating (ex., coding). There are tools that claim to be able to discriminate between person-generated and AI-generated work. Northeastern will investigate them. We should plan to discuss this further at future Faculty Senate meetings. There are many people in our community who are experts in this field.

PRESENTATION (1/18/23): *Report of the Financial Affairs Committee by Professor Debra Copeland*

- **The Faculty Senate Financial Affairs Committee recommended the raise pool should be 8.7% at a minimum for FY2024.** This is based on the very strong financial health and flexibility of the university, and the Social Security Administration’s 2023 cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase of 8.7%, which is the highest adjustment in nearly 40 years and is based on inflation (which is also the highest it has been in 40 years).

PRESENTATION (1/18/23): *Megan Madel, Vice Chancellor of Design and Operations, Undergraduate Education and Becca Berkey, Director of Community Engaged Teaching and Research and Interim Director, University Honors Program*

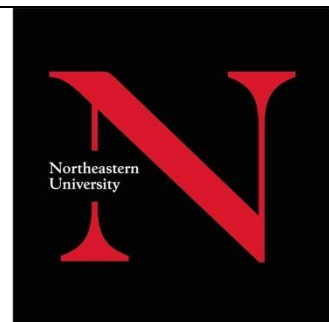
- Since last July, we have been reimagining the honors program. We want the program to meet the changing student population and the changing goals of the university, and to build community among honors students.



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- We will be coordinating with the Associate Deans of Undergraduate Education at the colleges to gather their input.



Helpful Mental Health & Well-Being Resources

For students/helping students:

[Northeastern University Health and Counseling Services](#)

[Find@Northeastern for students](#)

[We Care for students](#)

[Faculty Guide: Supporting Student Mental Health](#)

[OPEN: Alcohol and other Drug and Sexual Violence Services](#)

[Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service](#)

[Disability Resource Center](#)

For faculty/staff:

[NU Mental Health resources for faculty/staff](#)

[Provost office series on Coping with COVID-19](#)

[HR Wellness resources](#)

[NU Ombuds for faculty/staff](#)

[NU Employee Assistance Program](#)

