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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](#)

Faculty concern?

1. Reach out to your senators
2. Complete our new [faculty concern form](#)



2/15/2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Highlights

SENATE AGENDA COMMITTEE REPORT (PROFESSOR GONYEAU)

- SAC met twice as a group.
- SAC had a Provost Meeting that also met with Chancellor Ken Henderson
- Wellness Day Update
- Met with Tim Singleton and Roseanna Molinaro about DEI and Snell Library renovations. A women owned business is overseeing the project and they are well on their way to meeting and exceeding goals.
- AEOC Administrative Surveys are now available for review.
- Sonia Rolland will be our new Senate Parliamentarian.
- Spring Faculty Senate survey was sent out, advise faculty to fill it out.
- Amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws – procedure to follow – March 1st we will have a senate vote. Then a vote needs to be done with the entire faculty body with a 25% approval response.
- See SAC report for more information on agendas section on website

PROVOST'S REPORT (PROVOST MADIGAN)

- Announcement – Provost Fellow for Faculty Awards – Prof. Otonye Braide-Moncouer.
- Prof. Ali Abur appointed to National Academy of Engineering
- DEI survey done a couple of years ago, this will happen again this year, more information to come.

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings

Please join us for our virtual Teams meetings!

Spring 2023 semester meetings

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

- March 1
- March 29
- April 12

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- Graduate Student Union – NLRB looking at this and determining if an election will happen.

NEW BUSINESS: FIRST READING OF THE REVISION OF FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS (PROF. GONYEAU).

WHEREAS Mills College at Northeastern has been established as the tenth college of Northeastern University; And WHEREAS the Faculty Senate of Northeastern University requires elected faculty from each grant awarding college to participate in its shared governance model; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Handbook section titled Faculty Senate Bylaws is updated (*see full transcript for proposed changes*).

This change will require a 2/3 vote of the faculty senate on 3/1/23, followed by a 25% voting response of all full time faculty at the university from 3/1/23-3/15/23. Please be on the lookout for this vote.

REPORT OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY COMMITTEE (PROF. WIHBEY)

- Two Charges – University website and classroom technology and tech issues.
- **Charge 1 – Websites – top findings**
- Lack of consistency across classrooms, outdated desktops, NUWave Wireless weak connection.
- ITS engaging in a 5 year program, currently in year 2, for Global Learning Spaces
- ITS continues to work with faculty users to use/find Personalized Classroom Dashboards.
- Work with the CIO to work on the website to get rid of broken links, etc. Working on standardization of the University Website.
- **Charge 2 – classroom tech – top findings**
- Faculty report numerous problems, IT tickets not easy to retrieve.
- New personalized classroom dashboard recently released.
- Recommend the IT Council to refresh Global Learning Classrooms and that all teaching faculty be provided with a NU issued device.

PRESENTATION: MADELEINE ESTABROOK, SR. VICE CHANCELLOR STUDENT AFFAIRS - UPDATE ON WELLNESS DAYS

- Survey results for the Wellness Day pilot project are in.
- Wellness days are not a one size fits all, but they are looking to create a toolkit for students.
- Majority students are positive about the experience and would like more.
- Faculty reaction was much more mixed and polarized.



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- Faculty did experienced more challenges in the Fall, related to technology, student expectations, class management, and concerns about classes that meet once a week.
- Enhancements were made for Spring 2023, blackout dates, students blocked when they try to take a third day, taking travel days.
- Administrative Dashboard being developed to track stats.



PRESENTATION: SATYA DATTA GUPTA, CHIEF ENROLLMENT OFFICER, SR. VICE CHANCELLOR & SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT - ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE FALL 2022

- Total Applications Fall 2023 (96,327), up 49% from Fall 2020.
- Fall 2023 steep growth in early decision (3746), up 38% from Fall 2022.
- Master's Applications up 58%.
- Enrollments are up for our global campuses – Toronto being the highest of 92%.
- Students are looking for ROI and making sure they can get a career after.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: SUPPORTING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

This workshop was created specifically to assist faculty in supporting student mental health. It will provide an opportunity to discuss how mental health is impacting students in the classroom and faculty will leave the session with concrete skills to recognize students in distress, respond to students appropriately, and refer students to appropriate Northeastern resources.

This semester, we're offering two sessions of the Supporting Student Mental Health in-person workshops for Boston-based faculty. Coffee and treats will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch. Please see below for event details and registration information:

Thursday, February 23rd, 11:00am-1:00pm EST

McLeod Suites, 318-322 Curry Student Center

To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-student-mental-health-tickets-530980917217>

Thursday, April 6th, 11:00am-1:00pm EST

Cabral Center, John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute

To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supporting-student-mental-health-tickets-530992541987>

Workshops will be facilitated by Debra Franko, Ph.D., Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor, Department of Applied Psychology, Christine Civiletto, Ph.D., Assistant Vice Chancellor, Wellness, University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS), and Kellianne Carfi, LICSW, Director

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of Wellness Initiatives, The Office of Prevention and Education at Northeastern (OPEN).

Please refer to and share the [Faculty Guide: Supporting Student Mental Health](#) for information on recognizing and responding to mental health concerns.

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](#)

