

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 [Faculty senate website](#)

Faculty concern?

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



3/1/2023 Faculty Senate Meeting Highlights

SENATE AGENDA COMMITTEE REPORT (PROFESSOR GONYEAU)

- SAC met twice and once with Provost Madigan and Vice Provost Franko
- Program suspension: CAMD: MS in Creative Practice Leadership
- SAC updating senate composition based on results of bylaws vote and will send out information to colleges re: # senators for AY 23-24
- Renovation plans for Marino center and Cabot Cage include gender neutral facilities

PROVOST REPORT (PROVOST MADIGAN)

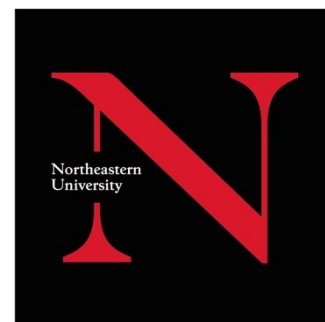
- New Dean of DMSB: Welcome David De Cremer!
- New series on experiential learning, lead by Connie Yowell
 - Next session April 14th
- Welcome Amy Carroll, who will oversee impact engines
 - She is the first person to contact
 - March 23rd webinar reviews the proposal process
- Commencement looking for volunteers

Upcoming Faculty Senate Meetings

Please join us for our virtual Teams meetings!

Spring 2023 meetings
(11:45am -1:25 pm):

- March 29
- April 12



NEW BUSINESS:

1. REVISION OF FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS (PROF. GONYEAU).

- a. The faculty handbook Faculty Senate Bylaws required updating with the addition of Mills College at NU
- b. Section 3 on Faculty senate composition was updated to include Mills College at NU, and to update the name of Khoury College of Computer Science (VOTE: PASSED: 27-0-0).
- c. Section 3 was also amended to change the calculation to determine each college's number of senators (VOTE: PASSED: 30-0-0).
 - i. The cap of 40 members of the senate was removed
 - ii. The calculation for each college's senators was amended to:

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1. Each college shall have a minimum of 2 senators
 2. # senators (rounded to nearest whole #) = 2% total college full-time faculty equivalents
- d. The term “degree granting colleges or schools” was replaced throughout the bylaws
- e. *Faculty handbook change requires a 2/3 vote of faculty senate on 3/1/23, followed by a 25% voting response of all full time faculty from 3/1/23-3/15/23. Please be on the lookout for this vote.*
2. **PRESENTATION: DIANE LEVIN, UNIVERSITY OMBUDS**
 - a. Case load from faculty and staff continues to be robust
 - b. Top concerns: Institutional values, ethics and standards, organizational climate and leadership, hierarchical relationships
3. **PRESENTATION: TOM SHEEHAN, EXECUTIVE VICE PROVOST**
 - a. Update from his team and plans for the future ([presentation here](#))
4. **RENAMING GRADUATE COUNCIL: WALEED MELEIS, VICE PROVOST FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION**
 - a. Graduate Council shall be renamed the University Graduate Curriculum Committee
 - i. VOTE: PASSED: 23-1-0

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](#)

