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Office of the Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTIONS 2009-2010

10-07-09 0910-01 Professional Masters Degree in the Regulatory Sciences

BE IT RESOLVED That Northeastern University establish the Professional Masters Degree in the Regulatory Sciences of Biopharmaceuticals in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences as approved by the Graduate Council on 18 September 2009.

(32-0-2)

Action taken: Appr by Provost Director; appr by BOT 12/11/09

0910-2 Proposal to restructure the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Criminal Justice

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate supports the restructuring of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Criminal Justice as described in Provost Director's white paper dated September 7, 2009 and the associated renaming of the College of Criminal Justice to the School of Criminal Justice and of the School of Social Sciences, Urban Affairs and Public Policy to the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the implementation of the proposed restructuring plan will incorporate the following principles and procedures:

- That discussions and decisions related to implementation of the restructuring plan be inclusive of faculty, staff and administration in the current Colleges of Arts and Sciences and of Criminal Justice;
- That members of the faculty in the Department of Communication Studies and Department of Education have a major voice in the decision to locate their units;
- That faculty, staff and administration in the College of Arts and Sciences constitute substantial representation as members of the task forces identified under "Next Steps," page 7, in the Recommendation for Restructuring, dated September 7, 2009;
- That an additional task force be created to address concerns regarding the placement of interdisciplinary programs and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.

(30-3-0)

Action taken: "Informational only" by Provost Director, 10/28/09. Comment: "I appreciate the Senate's effort and support." BoT approval not needed per the Provost.

12-2-09 0910-03 Revision of the Administrator Evaluation Process

WHEREAS the administrator evaluation review procedures, adopted by resolutions of the Faculty Senate on October 21, 1991, and subsequently revised and amended, have promoted the values of shared university governance, that is, faculty participation and input into university decision-making, transparency in university administration, and leadership that is responsible and accountable to the constituencies that are administered; and

WHEREAS the 2008-09 *ad hoc* Senate Committee for Administrator Evaluation Reform (AERC), in its report to the Faculty Senate in April 2009, found that during the 2007-08 academic year 65 faculty members or roughly 10 percent of the tenured faculty were involved in this process; that the problem of

number of faculty members involved is compounded by the frequency of the evaluations (currently university administrators are evaluated every three years); and that there were questions about the value of the administrators' evaluations to their supervisors' review of their performance in office and to the administrators' need for feedback to improve as a manager of a unit; and

WHEREAS the AERC concluded along with 64 percent of the Deans and Chairs surveyed for its report that the current procedures need to be streamlined;

BE IT RESOLVED That the Administrator Evaluation Policy be amended by substitution to be effective immediately.

(24-2-5)

Action taken: Provost appr 12/11/2009; Bot appr not required

12-16-09 0910-04 Senate Committee for Financial Affairs Resolution #1

WHEREAS the academic units have long-standing merit and equity processes that are overseen by the deans and the Provost's Office and that reward faculty differentially based on performance:

BE IT RESOLVED That the processes for the distribution of merit and equity outlined in the *University Faculty Handbook* be followed until such time as an evaluation of its merits and faults can be undertaken by the faculty and administration and a new process agreed to.

(31-0-0)

Action taken: "Informational, no action required" by Provost Director 12/23/09; BoT approval not required per Ms. Jantzen

0910-05 Senate Committee for Financial Affairs Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED That the merit raise pool for faculty in FY 2011 be set at 3% with actual increases for individual faculty determined by merit. The Committee recommends that an additional 1% be set aside for equity adjustments as needed.

(27-0-1)

Action taken: "Informational, no action required" by Provost Director 12/23/09; BoT approval not required per Ms. Jantzen

0910-06 Senate Committee for Financial Affairs Resolution #3

WHEREAS the last matchmate salary study was undertaken with 2007-08 data and with the University's improved ranking, it is likely that its peer and aspirant groups have changed. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the University update the Faculty Matchmate Salary Study, taking the opportunity to revisit the list of peer and aspirant schools, and that deans and faculty should be involved in recommending matchmate universities.

(29-0-0)

Action taken: "Informational, no action required" by Provost Director 12/23/09; BoT approval not required per Ms. Jantzen

1-27-10 **0910-07 School of Criminal Justice name change**

BE IT RESOLVED That, in conjunction with the restructuring of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Criminal Justice, approved by the Faculty Senate on 7 December 2009, the School of Criminal Justice be renamed the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

(34-0-0)

Action taken: Provost appr 2/4/2010; BoT appr not required per V. Lembo

0910-08 Elimination of summer activities hour

BE IT RESOLVED That Northeastern University eliminate the summer activities hour on Mondays, 11:45 AM-1:30 PM, as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on 12 November 2009 and by the Student Government Association on 7 December 2009.

(34-0-0)

Action taken: Provost appr 2/4/2010; BoT appr not required per V. Lembo

0910-09 BS in Pharmacy Studies

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate endorse the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy Studies in the School of Pharmacy in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on 14 January 2010.

(34-0-0)

Action taken: Appr by Provost 2/4/10; appr by BOT 3/13/10

2-24-10 **0910-10 LL.M. in the School of Law**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the LL.M. Degree Program in the College of Law as approved by the Graduate Council on 15 January 2010.

(29-0-0)

Action taken:

0910-11 Name change for the MS in Clinical Exercise Physiology to the MS in Exercise Science

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the name change for the MS in Clinical Exercise Physiology to the MS in Exercise Science in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the Graduate Council on 15 January 2010.

(28-0-0)

Action taken: Appr by Provost (date?); BOT appr not needed per Ms. Jantzen

3-31-10 **0910-12 GPA requirements for Latin Honors**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate recommends that GPA requirements to graduate with honors be 3.500-3.699 for cum laude, 3.700-3.849 for magna cum laude and 3.850-4.000 for summa cum laude; that the GPA requirement for Dean's List be 3.500; and that future statements of these GPA minima contain the provision that the University reserves the right to change these standards.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That new honors graduation requirements take effect for the class graduating in January, 2014.

(35-0-0)

Action taken: Approved by Provost Director 4/10; BoT approval not required, per Provost.

4-21-10 **0910-13 Bachelor of Landscape Architecture**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture in the College of Arts and Sciences as approved by the UCC on 19 April 2010.

(32-0-0)

Action taken:

0910-14 Ph.D. in Information Assurance

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the Ph.D. in Information Assurance in the College of Computer and Information Science as approved by the Graduate Council on 12 April 2010.

(30-0-2)

Action taken:

4-28-10 **0910-15 AAUP Statement in Faculty Handbook**

WHEREAS at its April 20, 2005 meeting the Faculty Senate approved by a vote of 24-0-1 for insertion into the final draft of the Faculty Handbook the following statement on tenure derived from the 1940 statement on tenure of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U),

“Tenure is established as a means (1) to maintain freedom of teaching, research and extramural activities, and (2) to provide a sufficient degree of economic security that the University can attract and retain excellent faculty members to meet this mission.”

And WHEREAS the 2008-2009 Senate Agenda Committee, upon request of Provost Director and without consultation with the Faculty Senate, agreed to remove item (2) from that section of the Handbook, which was subsequently submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees:

BE IT RESOLVED That item (2) is an inseparable part of the standard AAUP and AAC&U stated goals of tenure and, since its removal from the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook was not approved by the Faculty Senate, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that item (2) be included in the Faculty Handbook.

(32-0-0)

Action taken: