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DATE: MONDAY, 15 APRIL 2002

TIME: 11:45 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.

PLACE: 308 SN

Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes (2/11)
- B. SAC Report (Professor Lowndes)
- C. Question and Discussion Time (10 minutes)
- D. Semester Conversion Resolutions (Executive Vice Provost Pantalone)

1. WHEREAS

The Cipolla Committee surveyed other schools to determine usual credit hour requirements and examined federal guidelines for financial aid in recommending semester credit hour requirements and

WHEREAS

We have as an institution publicly stated for many years that one quarter credit hour is equal to .75 semester credit hour,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Full-time undergraduate:

- minimum of 128 semester hours (176 QH) to graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- minimum of 64 semester hours (87 QH) to graduate with an associate's degree.
- student must be in residence for 32 (48 QH) of the last 40 semester hours (a minimum of three full-time quarters at Northeastern immediately preceding graduation).
- credits are valid for ten years (Courses taken more than ten years prior to Northeastern enrollment, or reinstatement to the University, will be reviewed for applicability to a degree program by the appropriate curriculum committee).

Lowell Institute:

- minimum of 128 semester hours (176 QH) to graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- minimum of 64 semester hours (87 QH) to graduate with an associate's degree.
- student must be in residence for 32 (48 QH) of the last 40 semester hours (a minimum of three full-time quarters at Northeastern immediately preceding graduation).
- credits are valid for ten years (Courses taken more than ten years prior to Northeastern enrollment, or reinstatement to the University, will be reviewed for applicability to a degree program by the appropriate curriculum committee).

University College:

- minimum of 120 semester hours (174 QH) to graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- minimum of 60 semester hours (87 QH) to graduate with an associate's degree.>
- last 30 semester hours (45 QH) must be completed at University College for the bachelor's degree.
- last 15 semester hours (24 QH) must be completed at University College for the associate's degree.
- minimum of 9 semester hours (12 QH) in the major concentration must be completed at University College for a bachelor's degree.
- minimum of 6 semester hours (6 QH) in the major concentration must be completed at University College for an associate's degree.
- maximum of 6 semester hours (9 QH) of transfer credit may apply to a certificate.
- maximum of 12 semester hours (18 QH) of assessment of prior learning may be applied to either an associate's or a bachelor's degree.
- maximum of 8 semester hours (12 QH) may be accepted from the Modern Language Proficiency

Examination.

Graduate:

- minimum of 30 semester hours (40 QH) to graduate with a master's degree.
- minimum of 24 semester hours (40 QH) beyond the masters degree to earn a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study.

Honors:

- full-time undergraduate: a student must complete 60 semester hours (72 QH) in residence to be eligible for honors.
- part-time undergraduate: a student must complete 60 semester hours (72 QH) in residence to graduate with honors.

Dual Major: A student earns a single degree and receives a single diploma. The curriculum is a combination of the two majors with a total credit-hour requirement of at least 128 semester hours (176 QH) in the full-time undergraduate programs and at least 120 semester hours (174 QH) in University College.

2. WHEREAS

The English Department and the UUCC recommend that the current full-time undergraduate English requirement be modified for the semester system to maintain the same contact time as in the quarter system but distributed equally between the freshman and middler years,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Completion of Freshman Writing and Middler Year Writing will require a C or better. Middler Year Writing should be taken after completing 56 semester hours (80 QH).

[Note: this new requirement is an equivalent amount of time spent on writing. However there is a shift to the upper level. The English Department argued that the Middler Writing should be retained.]

3. WHEREAS

There are numerous places in the Graduate Council By-Laws and the University catalogues where the term ³quarter² is used as a denoter of time with no impact on policy,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All references to ³quarter² as a time denoter be changed to ³semester² or ³term² if the reference included the School of Law in the Graduate By-Laws and the University catalogues.

4. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Faculty who have continuously held 45-week non-chair appointments will receive 2.5 semester appointments beginning in fall 2003. The faculty member's teaching, scholarship and service obligations to the University will encompass the fall and spring semesters and one summer term.

5. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Add to section IV.D.2.a on p. 68 of the Faculty Handbook

The normal summer term appointments (for extra compensation or for 2.5 semester faculty) for faculty begin on the Monday of the week in which the summer term classes begin. Such appointments end on the Friday of

the week in which the summer term grades are due.

6. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In section IV.D.2.a on p. 77 of the Faculty Handbook, replace There are three types of sabbatical leaves open to all eligible faculty members.

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There are two types of sabbatical leaves open to all faculty members with semester appointments. In making an application, faculty members must specify which plan they wish to follow. The two plans are: one semester with full salary or 2 semesters with one-half salary. For two and one-half semester faculty, there will be an additional option of one semester and one summer term with two-thirds salary.

There are three types of sabbatical leaves open to faculty in the School of Law.

7. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

For the purpose of tenure consideration, faculty who join the University after January 1 will not have that current academic year counted in the time toward tenure.

8. BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In section IV.D.2.b on p. 70 of the Faculty Handbook, replace No faculty member, however, can be employed to teach for four academic quarters in successive years, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only if such employment is approved in advance by the Provost.

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Faculty cannot be required to teach extra quarters or semesters.

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