

Northeastern University

Northeastern Voice Electronic Edition

Office of Marketing and Communications

March 12, 2008

Northeastern Voice: March 12, 2008

Northeastern University - Division of Marketing and Communications

Recommended Citation

Northeastern University - Division of Marketing and Communications, "Northeastern Voice: March 12, 2008" (2008). Northeastern Voice Electronic Edition. Paper 10. http://hdl.handle.net/2047/d10014780

This work is available open access, hosted by Northeastern University.

In This Issue

Main Page

University Police earn accreditation

Academic enterprise front and center in 2009 budget

'Collaborative' budget rolled out across campus

Featured Article

University Police earn accreditation



Northeastern's Police Department has been accredited by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission for delivering an exemplary level of police service in the Northeastern community.

Under the leadership of Chief D.
Joseph Griffin, above,
Northeastern's is the 26th police
agency in Massachusetts to
receive accreditation, and only the
third college or university police
department to receive this honor.

Electronic edition, Vol. 1 No. 10, Mar. 12, 2008

Academic enterprise front and center in 2009 budget

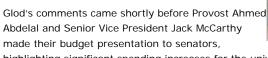
Nearly three-quarters of the planned increase in operating expenses seen in the fiscal 2009 university budget will go toward the academic enterprise, said Senior Vice President Jack McCarthy and other senior officials.



The \$611.6 million spending proposal, which devotes \$478 million to academics, is "a budget that we can be very proud of," said Provost Ahmed Abdelal.

'Collaborative' budget rolled out across campus

The fiscal 2009 university budget was compiled with a "significant level of collaboration," said Carol Glod, chair of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee.



highlighting significant spending increases for the university's academics.

In the media:

- The Center for Labor Market Studies' study on life-sciences jobs in Massachusetts continues to get coverage as Gov. Deval Patrick pushes his economic stimulus plan, including in this column written by a state legislator.
- Associate Professor William Mayer tells the Chicago Tribune Sen. John McCain should <u>distance himself</u> from President Bush's endorsement.
- Director <u>Barry Karger is featured in a story by the Boston Business</u>
 <u>Journal</u> about the Barnett Institute of Chemical and Biological Analysis becoming a driving force in developing a federal law that would separate biotechnology drugs from regular drugs in terms of how long companies must wait to produce a generic version of a drug.

© 2007 Northeastern University

716 Columbus Ave., Suite 598, Boston, Massachusetts 02115 • 617.373.7225 • TTY 617.373.3768

1 of 1 3/17/2008 9:21 AM

In This Issue

Main Page

University Police earn accreditation

Academic enterprise front and center in 2009 budget

'Collaborative' budget rolled out across campus

Electronic edition, Vol. 1 No. 10, Mar. 12, 2008

University Police earn accreditation



From left, Northeastern police Capt. Al Sweeney, Director Joseph Griffin, Staff Sgt. Ralph Avery and Associate Director Jim Ferrier, with the NUPD accreditation certificate. / JIM CHIAVELLI

The Northeastern University Police Department has been accredited by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission for delivering an exemplary level of police service in the university community.

Under the leadership of Chief D. Joseph Griffin, Northeastern's is the 26th police agency in Massachusetts to earn accreditation, and only the third college or university police department to receive this honor.

As part of the rigorous and thorough peer-review carried out by a team of commission-appointed assessors in late 2007, NUPD met close to 340 standards related to all aspects of law enforcement, including training, management, operation and technical support activities.

The accreditation requirements include written policy directives for most policies and procedures (also reflected by the staff manual), as well as close observation standards carried out by the accreditation team to verify that the written directives are fully understood and practiced by the staff.

The self-assessment and the preparation for the on-site review were led by Staff Sgt. Ralph Avery. Avery was appointed accreditation manager by Griffin and was assisted by Associate Director James Ferrier throughout the process.

"This honor is an indication of the department's high level of professionalism," said Avery. "The accreditation underscores our interest and willingness to grow by having others scrutinize and evaluate our performance in order to become one of the best departments in the state of Massachusetts."

The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission offers two levels or

1 of 2 3/17/2008 9:23 AM

recognition for police agencies, certification and accreditation. While not a prerequisite to accreditation, many agencies choose to pursue certification first by demonstrating compliance with approximately half of the 340 standards required by accreditation. Northeastern did so, and was initially awarded certification in 2003.

Currently there are 16 certified agencies in addition to the 26 accredited departments, and nearly 100 additional agencies are in the self-assessment phase pursuing certification or accreditation.

Accreditation is awarded for three years.

© 2007 Northeastern University

716 Columbus Ave., Suite 598, Boston, Massachusetts 02115 • 617.373.7225 • TTY 617.373.3768

2 of 2

In This Issue

Main Page

University Police earn accreditation

Academic enterprise front and center in 2009 budget

'Collaborative' budget rolled out across campus

Electronic edition, Vol. 1 No. 10, Mar. 12, 2008

Academic enterprise front and center in 2009 budget



Senior Vice President Jack McCarthy, left, Provost Ahmed Abdelal and professor Carol Glod, chair of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee, at Wednesday's budget presentation to the Senate. / JIM CHIAVELLI

Nearly three-quarters of the planned increase in operating expenses seen in the fiscal 2009 university budget will go toward the academic enterprise, senior officials said.

The \$611.6 million spending proposal, which devotes \$478 million to academics, is "a budget that we can be very proud of," said Provost Ahmed Abdelal.

Nearly \$8.5 million of that is devoted directly to the new Academic Plan, Abdelal and other officials noted.

University leaders said the plan was developed through the close collaboration of Abdelal and Jack McCarthy, senior vice president for administration and finance, whom President Joseph Aoun charged with putting the academic enterprise squarely at center stage. The two worked for months with key constituent groups to craft a proposal that moves the Academic Plan significantly forward and lays the groundwork for future advancement.

The proposal also calls for investments in infrastructure — including improvements to Blackman Auditorium and Curry Student Center, and a search for opportunities to add space off campus for academic offices and instruction space.

The proposed operating budget is 9 percent higher than the current year's, reflecting not only heavily increased academic investment but higher health-insurance and utilities costs, noted McCarthy.

Officials said the budget reflects not a temporary shift toward academic spending, but the embodiment of long-term priorities that will set the tone for future fiscal plans.

1 of 3 3/17/2008 9:24 AM

Among the highlights of the proposed budget:

- The "merit pool" for faculty and staff pay increases will rise 3.5 percent. There will be another 1.5 percent increase for faculty salary market adjustments, and a .8 increase for staff salary adjustments.
- "This is one of the healthiest and best compensation increases that we've had in years," said Abdelal. "This will make it possible for us to be more competitive with our peer institutions."
- "Clearly, the university's administration and the board recognize the significance of being as competitive as possible, in order for us to hire and retain the best faculty and staff," Abdelal said.
- The budget will put \$6.2 million into hiring 40 to 50 faculty over the coming year.

Abdelal said the funds will allow Northeastern to add "a significant number of associate professors" as well as assistants, to accelerate the gains already made under the Academic Plan.

"Through the Interdisciplinary Faculty Initiative, we'll continue leveraging our strength in interdisciplinarity" to hire at senior faculty ranks, he said.

The money also supports five national searches for department chairs, and helps to "reduce reliance on part-time instructors" by adding more full-time faculty who are "more readily available to students," the provost said.

• Undergraduate tuition will rise by 5.8 percent, which is "well within market range" for comparable private research universities, said McCarthy. Financial aid will be increased by 11 percent, bringing the effective increase for tuition, room and board to 5 percent.

The university's tuition increases have been less, over the past five years, than nine of its 10 most closely matched peer institutions, McCarthy noted, and are currently lower than eight of the 10. (The peer institutions are those private universities with whom Northeastern most overlaps in student applications.

The financial aid increase is aimed at easing the needs of families with changing financial circumstances, noted Philomena Mantella, senior vice president for enrollment management.

• The university is exploring more opportunities for academic and administrative space, with the goal of "freeing up classroom and laboratory space" on the main campus, McCarthy said.

In response to students' expressed priorities, the proposal also calls for adding an elevator and kitchen to the Fenway Center (formerly St. Ann's Church), upgrading Blackman Auditorium's sound and lighting systems and seating, and redesigning display spaces in Curry, along with other student center upgrades.

These upgrades are part of a transitional facilities plan, McCarthy said, that will take a comprehensive look at space needs, with a priority on classrooms and laboratories.

 Also in response to concerns raised by both undergraduate and graduate student governments, based on student surveys, the university plans to extend library and dining-hall hours, and add more furniture and vending machines to the Cyber Café. Students will also see a laundry subsidy; more "quick-print" stations at Info Commons; and expanded Study Abroad and Dialogues of Civilization opportunities.

2 of 3 3/17/2008 9:24 AM

© 2007 Northeastern University Key elements of the proposal fiscal 2009 budget, as presented by Jack McCarthy, senior vice president.

716 Columbus Ave., Suite 598, Boston, Massachusetts 02115 • 617.373.7225 • TTY 617.373.3768

3 of 3 3/17/2008 9:24 AM

In This Issue

Main Page

University Police earn accreditation

Academic enterprise front and center in 2009 budget

'Collaborative' budget rolled out across campus

Electronic edition, Vol. 1 No. 10, Mar. 12, 2008

'Collaborative' budget rolled out across campus

The fiscal 2009 university budget was compiled with a "significant level of collaboration," said Carol Glod, chair of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee.

Glod's comments came shortly before Provost Ahmed Abdelal and Senior Vice President Jack McCarthy made their budget presentation to senators, highlighting significant spending increases for the university's academics.



Carol Glod

The Senate presentation was among several meetings planned this week for senior officials to explain the budget to key groups on campus.

University leadership met to go over the plan with the Student Government Association, the Faculty Senate's Financial Affairs Committee, the Deans Council, the Northeastern News and the Graduate and Professional Student Association, as well as the full Senate.

Leaders will be meeting later this week with university managers to brief them on the budget as well.

© 2007 Northeastern University

716 Columbus Ave., Suite 598, Boston, Massachusetts 02115 • 617.373.7225 • TTY 617.373.3768

1 of 1 3/17/2008 9:24 AM