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"I really had some great professors at Northeastern," King said. "They inspired me to make a career in the field, and provided me with some good counseling."

A native of South Boston, King has devoted his career to handling a wide range of cases, from complex business disputes to medical malpractice, according to his biography.

He was an associate justice in the Superior Court from 1998 to 2003, and before that served as an associate justice in the Housing Court from 1977 to 1989.

Currently, he is a full-time lawyer with Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, a position he has held since 2003.

At JAMS, he handles cases contained within the fields of commercial/business, construction, employment, insurance coverage, negligence and real estate. Within these areas, he has handled a wide range of issues related to accounting, banking and engineering to wrongful termination, age and sex discrimination and race discrimination within the employment sector.

In his new position on the Ethics Commission, King will serve with four other commissioners to enforce conflict of interest and financial disclosure laws related to state officials and employees, he said. He is set to serve a five-year term, beginning with his first meeting later this month.

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Faculty senators approved a number of new dual majors during their meeting April 9. FILE PHOTO / JIM CHIAVELLI

The program admits 25 students per year, according to a group of current students who gathered at the Senate to lobby to keep the program.

Acting Bouvé Dean Jack Reynolds said there has been "a fair amount of discussion" about the move, which the college plans while looking at "strategic directions" for the future. Zoloth said discussions have been ongoing for "three or four years."

Athletic training has "a long and very positive history" at Northeastern, Reynolds said. He noted that current students "will not suffer" if admissions are suspended in September 2009.

Suspending a program, Zoloth said, is "probably the most difficult decision a dean can make."

Christopher Hopey, vice president and dean of the School of Professional and Continuing Studies (SPCS), where several officials said the athletic training program may ultimately end up, said suspending any academic program is "gut-wrenching," but also said, "It's the right decision."

In other action, senators

- Supported the offering of a doctorate in education by SPCS.
- Backed adding a "reading day" to spring semester, to allow students to study for exams.
- Supported a major in public advocacy and rhetoric, to replace the public communication major.
- Supported three new dual majors, in multimedia studies and graphic design, multimedia studies and digital art, and psychology and education.

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