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The last meeting of the 2002-2003 Faculty Senate will be:

DATE: MONDAY, 2 June 2003

TIME: 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

PLACE: 240 Egan (Raytheon Amphitheater)

(Buffet Luncheon at 12:30)

Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

B. SAC Report (Professor Lowndes)

C. Provost's Report (Provost Abdelal)

D. Question and Discussion Time (10 minutes)

E. Criminal Justice Ph.D. Program Proposal (Professor Sherwood)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approve the proposed Ph.D. in Criminology and Public Policy in the College of Criminal Justice as approved by the University Graduate Council on 9 May 2003.

F. Financial Affairs Committee Report on the Annual Budget Process (Professor Wallin)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the Financial Affairs Committee recommending changes in the annual budget process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate recommend the adoption of the recommendations in the report for improved faculty participation on the CFP, for more detailed longitudinal budgetary information being made available to the CFP, for detailed monthly reports to the CFP on revenues and actual budgetary expenditures throughout the fiscal year, and for the CFP to be involved in making priority recommendations on major one-time expenditures within a fiscal year.

G. Resolution on New Standing Committee on Library Policies and Operations (Professor Herman)

BE IT RESOLVED That Senate-based faculty governance with respect to the University Libraries be restored by the creation of a Standing Senate Committee on Library Policies and Operations.

a) The Committee will consist of seven faculty from across the University who collectively utilize the range of Library resources and services. In addition, the Dean & Director of the University Libraries shall serve as an ex officio member. To facilitate continuity of policies and responsiveness to faculty needs with respect to information resources, delivery, and utilization across the University, the Committee shall also establish continuing liaison with the Senate's Standing Academic Policy, Information Systems Policy, and Research Policy Oversight Committees.

b) This Committee shall be concerned with policy issues involving libraries' strategic planning, infrastructures and resource adequacy, collections development and maintenance, program and service development, and other matters of concern to the faculty as the institution strives to achieve and retain status as a top one hundred teaching and research university.

c) This Committee shall also act as a forum for discussion on matters related to the Libraries and may act as an advocate for the University Libraries.

H. Institutional Management Practices Committee Report on Research Management (Professor Herman)

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate accept the Institutional Management Practices Committee's Report on Research Management.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the University recognize research as a university priority in its move toward the top tier of academic institutions, and that resources commensurate with other top 100 universities be allocated to the research mission.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that a standing Research Policy Oversight Committee be established to review and assess the direction and implementation of the University's research mission, advocate for its needs, review periodically and make recommendations on its research resources, infrastructures, and policies, serve as a research "ombuds-body" to address structural impediments and faculty complaints, and work with the Provost, the Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance, the Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and the President to insure the best possible environment for research and scholarship. The Committee shall be composed of six research-active faculty appointed for staggered three-year terms jointly by the Senate Agenda Committee and the Provost. In addition, the Vice Provost for Research and a representative of the President shall serve ex officio on the Committee.
4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends to the President that the current University Research Council be eliminated and replaced by the Committee established in Resolution 1 as the University's principle advisory Committee on Research and Scholarship.
5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate commend the Provost for the reforms he has thus far achieved in the area of Research administration and encourage him to continue working to reduce impediments and improve the efficacy, morale, and stature of the research community at Northeastern.

I. Ad Hoc Faculty Handbook Review Committee Report (Professor Ellis)

- 13) BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate approves Section VI.A.12.b.3 (Dismissal of a Faculty Member for Cause) presented in the Revised Draft (4/30/02) from the ad hoc Committee to Review the Faculty Handbook, to go into effect when published in the revised edition of the Faculty Handbook.

J. Enrollment and Admissions Policy Committee Resolutions on Evaluation of Outcomes from Semester Conversion (Professor Kane)

WHEREAS, Northeastern is carefully monitoring financial changes associated with semester conversion and

WHEREAS, the University is carefully monitoring student retention, applicant pool size, yield and matriculating credentials to determine whether there are changes associated with semester conversion and

WHEREAS, other universities have witnessed varying degrees of success associated with semester conversion,

BE IT RESOLVED That the University also obtain data including analysis of trends pre- and post-semester conversion on the following issues surrounding semester conversion yearly for at least five years:

- 1) How well needs of students are met during the conversion itself. We would expect to look at satisfaction with programs and services including registration, grading, financial aid, security, residential life and food services. Survey instruments such as the "Student Satisfaction Inventory" and NuPulse are already in place for this purpose.
- 2) How well programs and services meet student needs after the conversion is complete. Survey instruments such as the "Student Satisfaction Inventory" and NuPulse are already in place for this purpose.
- 3) Whether the new summer mini-semester experience, both academic and co-curricular, is an intellectually

stimulating experience that enhances student satisfaction and loyalty. Survey instruments may need to be designed for this purpose.

4) Whether there is enhanced academic and co-curricular engagement with the institution because of semester conversion. National Survey of Student Engagement can serve this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the results of these surveys be reported on a yearly basis to the Faculty Senate and to the Enrollment and Admissions Policy Committee for distribution to concerned Faculty and Administrators.