April 14, 2004

Faculty Senate meeting agenda: 04/14/2004

Faculty Senate, Northeastern University

Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

B. SAC Report (Professor Lowndes)

C. Provost Report (Provost Abdelal)

D. Question and Discussion Time (10 minutes)

E. Academic Search Procedures (Professor Lowndes)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate adopt the search procedures described in the 23 March 2004 document entitled Academic Search Procedures,and that these replace the search procedures for key academic administrators in Section VI.D of the current Faculty Handbook.

F. Committee of the Whole: Financial Affairs Committee Report on the Budget Process

G. Information Systems Policy Committee Report (Professor Bansil)

1. WHEREAS technology has become an indispensable tool in teaching,

BE IT RESOLVED That the University will strive to equip and support 100% of the registrar-scheduled classrooms on the campus with appropriate technology. A suitable replacement-upgrade cycle will be developed for all classroom technology.

2. WHEREAS academic software is essential for teaching and research,

BE IT RESOLVED That a cost-effective, centralized process be developed for the acquisition, upgrade and retirement of all academic software. Academic software will be supported across multiple platforms as appropriate and will be accessible remotely to the extent feasible.

3. WHEREAS there is a critical need to develop and maintain a robust infrastructure for research computing and computational training in the university,

BE IT RESOLVED That a central facility for research computing and computational training be supported by IS. A Faculty Committee with representation from various campus research constituencies will provide policy-making functions for this effort. Appropriate mechanisms for sustaining this effort on a long-term basis for serving diverse campus needs in research computing and computational training will be developed.

4. WHEREAS faculty require a diverse array of up-to-date technology to meet their individual research computing needs,

BE IT RESOLVED That the ITPC will survey and develop appropriate mechanisms for supporting diverse faculty needs with respect to research computing. A suitable upgrade cycle for faculty computers will be developed.

5. WHEREAS new and emerging technologies are the key to maintaining a cutting-edge IT infrastructure for research

and teaching in the university,

BE IT RESOLVED That the ITPC will develop a mechanism for evaluating, prioritizing and recommending the infrastructure for new and emerging technologies (including wireless technologies) appropriate for various constituencies in the university.