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DATE: WEDNESDAY, 17 March 2004
TIME: 11:45 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.
PLACE: 450 Dodge

Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

B. SAC Report (Professor Lowndes)

C. Provost Report (Provost Abdelal)

D. Question and Discussion Time (10 minutes)

E. Ad Hoc Handbook Review Committee Report (Professor Ellis)

Resolution 3

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves Section V.J.2 (Copyright Policy) presented in the Revised Draft (2/27/04) from the ad hoc Committee to Review the Faculty Handbook, to go into effect when published in the revised edition of the Faculty Handbook.

F. Renaming and Reorganizing University College (Professor Sherman)

A.BE IT RESOLVED THAT the name of University College be changed to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, to better reflect its primary role as Northeastern's continuing education college for adults and working professionals seeking part-time education.

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council for Lifelong Learning be established and authorized to serve as the academic approval and oversight board for all undergraduate and graduate degree credit activities of the School of Professional and Continuing Studies. The membership and authority of the Academic Council for Lifelong Learning shall be:

1. Membership: The permanent members of the Academic Council for Lifelong Learning include the Vice President for Adult and Continuing Education (ex officio), the Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Education of the School of Professional and Continuing Studies (ex officio), the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs (ex officio), and the Vice Provost for Graduate Education (ex officio). In addition, the committee membership shall include three Associate Deans, each from a different day College [including the Law School], selected by the Provost, and seven tenured faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee. The Associate Deans and the faculty shall serve staggered terms and may be reappointed. The Vice President for Adult and Continuing Education will serve as chair.

2. Scope of Authority and Responsibilities: The Academic Council for Lifelong Learning shall be responsible for conducting the academic business of the School, including such matters as the evaluation and approval of new credit-bearing courses and curricula, the review of existing courses and curricula, the review and approval of new and existing degree programs, the permitting of academic variance, and other academic concerns. The Academic Council will be responsible for voting the granting of degrees, and as such it will review and approve the credentials of undergraduate and graduate students for the purpose of granting degrees. The Academic Council may establish its own internal processes and by-laws for how it will function and operate.

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the School of Professional and Continuing Studies is authorized, as an independent college, to grant lifelong learning degrees.

D. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT where there is an existing accredited bachelors degree currently offered by

University College (example: BSBA w/business), such degree may be offered by the renamed School of Professional and Continuing Studies in conjunction with a day-college, but the authority to grant such degrees, along with the oversight for those degrees, remains with the day college, unless the college that currently holds degree-granting authority agrees to relinquish its authority.

E. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT new degree programs proposed by the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, must follow the approval processes of the university, however the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council are authorized to develop and submit to the Senate for formal approval expedited approval processes for the designated lifelong learning degrees and credit bearing programs in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies which mirror the expedited approval processes already designed for University College undergraduate and graduate certificates.