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MONTHLY REPORT

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dani Wojdyla

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Project Updates:

- Academic-Senator College Meetings- This will be piloted in the College of Business Administration in Fall 2011. I have been meeting with CBA Associate Dean Coleen Pantalone and CBA Acting Dean Harry Lane to discuss such meetings. The date will be circa the second week in October during which students will have an opportunity to hear updates and operational changes from various administration and staff in the college. It will be an hour long event.
- Update from Snell Library- SGA has partnered with University Libraries to promote the new scanners in Snell. During Welcome Week, we will be distributing hundreds of USBs as a way to raise awareness to users of the new devices. SGA will be placing surveys on all tables in the library in hopes to better serve the students utilizing the space. Also, Argo Tea (which replaced Cyber Café) will be having a soft opening in mid-August. The vending machines have been moved to the third and fourth floors as a result.
- Academic Integrity Policy- Implementing and creating a new policy is undergoing heavy research, from both SGA and Faculty Senate.
- Faculty Textbook Agreement- I met with Lou Kruger to discuss creating a partnership between the faculty and students for this agreement. We are going to work closely with the Faculty Senate to revisit other options before releasing the agreement to Deans and Department Chairs. Instead, we are looking to create a policy that will hopefully be adopted by Spring 2012.
- Periodical publications available to students on campus- I have been meeting with USA Today to discuss bringing their Collegiate Readership Program to Northeastern University, which would provide free publications of major newspapers like USA Today, Financial Times, and New York Times available to the students at no cost. I am looking to have them do a four-week pilot program with Northeastern as a way to gather student demand. The logistics are currently being researched.

Scheduled Meetings:

- Meetings with Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Bruce Ronkin – weekly
- Meetings with Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Mary Loeffelholz – as time permits
- Meetings with Vice Provost for Honors and First Year Programs – as time permits
- Meetings with Lesley Milner of Snell Library – bimonthly, or when time permits
- Meetings with Tim Miesel of Northeastern Bookstore – monthly, or when time permits
- Meetings with Lou Kruger of Faculty Senate’s Agenda Committee – bimonthly, or when time permits
- Meetings with Kostia Bergman of Center for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching & Learning – bimonthly
- Meetings with Derek Navisky and Scott Cann of IS Customer Services – monthly
- Meetings with the Dean of all eight schools and colleges – once a term, or on need basis
- Meetings with various Department Chairs – on need basis
- Faculty Senate- has not begun
- University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – has not begun

Individual Concerns:



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- Students on a full-tuition scholarship are often not encouraged to apply for Presidential Global Scholarships for international cooperative education for it heavily depends on financial need. This is being researched, so that all students will be given an equal opportunity to apply for the scholarship grant regardless of current tuition scholarship.
- There has been student concern that numerous Chemistry labs are outdated, and equipment is impractical. Issues have been raised with the Department Chair, and possible solutions are being researched.
- A number of complaints have been received regarding the amount of time TRACE surveys are open, specifically the time after the last day of final exams. A potential extension of the when the survey goes live is being look into.