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A STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT BE ADDED TO THE CURRICULUM OF ALL NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO GRADUATE

WHEREAS "Northeastern University embraces the principles of respect for individuals and diversity among its faculty, students, and staff,"¹ **AND**

WHEREAS Northeastern has made a commitment to "Create an environment which promotes and supports a culturally diverse community," and to "Educate the members of our community about diversity,"² **AND**

WHEREAS Students may be educated about diversity in an academic setting by taking a course dealing with diversity or participating in University sponsored activities concerning diversity, **AND**

WHEREAS Some academic programs already require students to take courses that deal with a wide variety of disciplines, including diversity, **AND**

WHEREAS There is an considerable number of courses and experiences currently offered that could satisfy a diversity requirement, **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That Northeastern University require all students to complete one course (three or more credits) or participate in a program (including but not limited to overseas co-op, study abroad, and involvement in student activities and diversity training) deemed as satisfying the diversity requirement to graduate, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That an ad hoc committee be established to develop criteria, to examine existing courses and programs proposed by the colleges or other units to fulfill the requirement, and to compile a list of those courses and programs that satisfy the requirement, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That this committee be comprised of representatives appointed by the Provost's Office, the Faculty Senate, and the Student Government Association, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

¹ from Northeastern University's Mission Statement dated October 8, 1992

² from "The Connected Community: A Strategic Plan for Northeastern's Second Century" dated October 15, 1993

RESOLVED That the ad hoc committee present its' final recommendations by June of 1995, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That the ad hoc committee reconvene annually in the spring to review new courses or alternative programs proposed by the colleges and units to satisfy the requirement, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

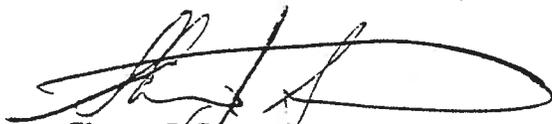
RESOLVED That the requirement become a University graduation requirement for all students graduating with the class of 2000 and each class thereafter, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

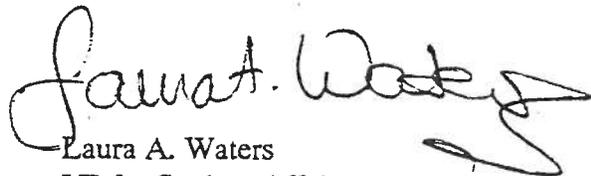
RESOLVED That if a course is used to fulfill the requirement or if the experiential learning is given academic credits, these credits earned shall count toward the total quantitative graduation requirement, and that each college shall determine what aspect of its' curricula this requirement shall fulfill, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That annotations be made at the end of each course description in the University Undergraduate Catalog that satisfies the requirement and in the course registration booklets for each quarter, so students can identify courses fulfilling the requirement during registration, **AND BE IT FURTHER,**

RESOLVED That a description and the purpose of the diversity requirement be added to all publications that deal with graduation requirements.

Respectfully submitted with the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee,

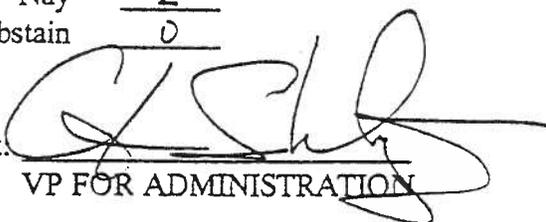

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Vote: Yea 16
Nay 2
Abstain 0

Attest: 
VP FOR ADMINISTRATION