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MONTHLY REPORT

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Project Updates:

- College Expectations List – Assistant Vice President Coombes and I submitted a Sense of the Senate to SGA that outlines the College Expectations. It passed unanimously along with the creation of an ad hoc committee that will be charge with maintaining and serving as resources to faculty regarding the said List. It should also be clarified that this List does not represent what SGA is demanding of faculty, but rather hopes to form a mutual partnership with students and faculty to implement the items on this List like the implementation of social media and town halls.
- Virtual Advising – I met with Mark Staples, Director of Academic Services Technology to discuss the feasibility of having virtual conferencing on campus. He encouraged me to think of video advising not only for academic advisors, but to expand that out to include other outlets on campus such as professors being able to virtual conference their students. My committee and I will now survey the undergraduate student body to see what their thoughts are on this.
- TRACE Initiatives – Senators Akhtar, Carville, and Lopez as well as the TRACE subcommittee have been working diligently to plan the TRACE calendar for the Fall 2011 semester. Senator Carville reached out to NUTV to get TRACE publicity, and they did a short clip on TRACE as a result. Senator Lopez has taken charge of the Inter-College Competition which will begin on November 30 and end on December 7. The college percent participation will be illustrated with thermometers which will increase to reflect the overall participation percent of that college. These thermometers will be on the windows of the first floor in Curry Student Center, and the winning college will be rewarded with a celebratory reception on December 13. Senator Akhtar has been a great liaison between CIETL and SGA for TRACE this semester, and has been working very hard to plan TRACE night at the library, which will be held on Reading Day, December 8 from 6-8 pm in Snell Library.
- MyNEU Cool – My committee and I have brainstormed what we feel is the most problematic about myNEU Cool, and have come up with suggestions for Anthony Armelin, Director of Information Systems Administration in the Central Coop Education Service. We hope that this list included in the summer update of the myNEU Cool system.
- Project List – I have compiled a list of all the twenty or so projects the academic affairs committee has been working on this semester detailing the current status and how to meet the project deadlines. This will be a great way for Senators to figure out how to complete the projects they have already been working on, or to take on more that interest them. It also is great for assessment purposes.

Scheduled Meetings:

- Meetings with Bruce Ronkin Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education – bi-monthly
- Meetings with Mark Staples, Director of Academic Services Technology – as necessary for projects
- Meetings with Coleen Pantelone, Associate Dean of CBA – as necessary for projects
- Meetings with Mary Wegman, Director of OSCCR - monthly
- Meetings with Mary Loeffelholz, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs – as time permits
- Meetings with Sue Powers-Lee, 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



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- Meetings with Lou Kruger of Faculty Senate's Agenda Committee – monthly, 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- attended by Senators Harris and Chandley, bi-monthly
- University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – attended by Senator Corrado, bi-monthly

Individual Concerns:

- Many students have been raising the issue of the lack of academic space on campus, especially in Snell Library as well as the lack of outlets in that space. I have been working with Lesley Milner and team from Snell to address these issues.