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## SGA Resolution: Student Involvement in Search Committees

Student Government Association, Northeastern University

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SR: W-96-104

**A STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A MORE  
FORMALIZED PROCESS BE ESTABLISHED FOR STUDENT  
INVOLVEMENT IN SEARCH COMMITTEE PROCESSES  
MANDATED BY THE FACULTY SENATE**

**WHEREAS** Administrators, faculty and staff of Northeastern University work to ensure students' educational, academic and social needs are continually being met, AND

**WHEREAS** Currently, when positions open at Northeastern University, search committees are usually established in order to evaluate candidates qualifications for the position, AND

**WHEREAS** Search committees should be composed of a cross section of people from throughout the University, so as to provide for a broad base of opinions and representation, as well as to generate input from as many people as possible, AND

**WHEREAS** Students possess valuable insight into the qualities and attributes of anyone that is to be hired at the University, and this insight may be different from that of faculty, staff and administrators, and be beneficial to the overall process, AND

**WHEREAS** There is already a system for faculty involvement in search committees for specific academic positions on campus, (as stated in the Faculty Handbook) with no formal means for student involvement, THEREFORE BE IT

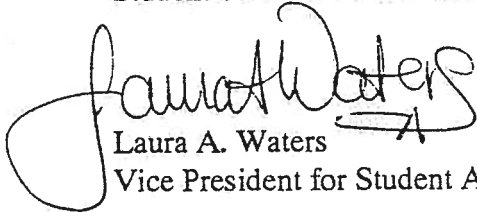
**RESOLVED** That all search committees constituted with the assistance of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee for positions pertaining to undergraduates; including those of Provost, Vice President and Dean for Cooperative Education, Academic Deans of a School or College of the University, Dean of University Libraries, Director of the Department of Academic Computing, and Academic Departments or comparable unit chairpersons, have at least one position designated for an appropriate student appointed by the Student Government Association President, AND BE IT FURTHER

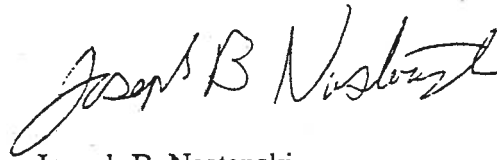
**RESOLVED** That the President of SGA, in conjunction with the chair of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee, will decide, on a case by case basis, whether

there will be student involvement in searches for the heads of administrative departments not directly concerned with undergraduate affairs, AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED** That in the event the decision should be made that students should not participate in a search committee, an ad hoc advisory committee (composed of members from the committee for that particular search and students whose interests coincide with those covered by that job) will be established to provide student input.

Respectfully submitted with the approval of the Student Affairs Committee and the Student Services Committee,

  
Laura A. Waters  
Vice President for Student Affairs

  
Joseph B. Nastanski  
Vice President for Student Services

Date: 3/7/96

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Chris Schoeneberger, President

Vote: Yea: 26  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marc Duval,  
Vice President for Administration