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TO: All Faculty
FROM: Faculty Senate Agenda Committee
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting

I. The first meeting of the 2006-07 Faculty Senate will be:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 20 September 2006
TIME: 11:45 AM – 1:25 PM
PLACE: 450 DG

II. Agenda:

A. Minutes (12 April 2006 and 26 April 2006)

B. Election of SAC member

C. SAC Report (Professor Glod)

D. Provost Report (Provost Abdelal)

E. Question Time (10 minutes)

F. 2005-06 Senate *Ad Hoc* Committee on Information Technology Policy Report (Professor Fox)

1. **WHEREAS the Faculty Senate believes that there should be more faculty input in the planning, purchasing and placement of new classroom technology,**

   BE IT RESOLVED That at least three (3) faculty members serve on the University Classroom Advisory Committee (UCAC).

2. **WHEREAS Northeastern University is in need of a plan to equip and support 100% of the appropriate registrar-scheduled classrooms with audio-visual instructional technology, including a suitable review, maintenance, replacement and upgrade schedule,**

   BE IT RESOLVED That the University approve a one-time allocation to equip the remaining registrar-scheduled classrooms on the Boston main campus in accordance with the "classroom technology standard" as defined by Information Services.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED That it is the sense of the Senate that Information Services provide the Faculty Senate with an annual report on the technological fitness and readiness of Northeastern University's classrooms. This report, which covers the previous academic year, shall be delivered by September 30.**

G. 2005-06 Senate Committee on Financial Affairs Report (Professor Strauss)

1. **Whereas the University Fiscal Advisory Committee should receive access to all relevant fiscally related information before annual operating budget recommendations are made,**

   BE IT RESOLVED That the University Fiscal Advisory Committee receive information about revenues and expenditures from auxiliary, independent and other operations that affect the University's operating budget.

2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the University Fiscal Advisory Committee receive information about proposed major expenditures for buildings and renovations.**

3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That faculty be involved in an advisory capacity with respect to major building and renovation plans by means of either the University Fiscal Advisory Committee or a separate committee devoted to developing and reviewing such plans.**

H. 2005-06 Senate *Ad Hoc* Committee on Library Policies and Operations Report (Professor Willey)

1. Library involvement for inclusion in academic initiatives

   WHEREAS there are many academic requests, needs, and expectations indirectly involving the library when new academic initiatives are initiated.

   BE IT RESOLVED That academic initiatives, directly or indirectly involving library resources or library personnel, include consultation with the Dean of Libraries or his/her designee. This representative should be made aware of specific resources the initiative requires in terms of library resources and that the input from the library has been integrated into the final initiative that is moved through the University's policy and governance processes.

2. **WHEREAS peer tutoring is an important component within the Northeastern University structure, and that presently at least 11 peer tutoring services exist on the Boston Campus**

   BE IT RESOLVED That he Faculty Senate endorses the need for additional study and the issuing of recommendations regarding the current state of tutoring at the University. Such additional study shall be undertaken either by establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Tutoring or by charging a Standing Committee of the Senate.

3. Resolution on Open Access in Scholarly Publication (adopted from the University of Iowa Resolution: http://www.uiowa.edu/~facsen/Agenda/Senate05-06/11-29-05/2-LibrariesResolution.htm)

   WHEREAS Northeastern University's longstanding commitment to the free and open publication, presentation and discussion of research advances the interests of the scholarly community, the faculty individually, and the public, and

   WHEREAS the costs of scholarly journals are continually rising at rates greater than the rate of inflation and higher than the rate of University budget increases, and

   WHEREAS the activities of these publishers directly depend upon the continued participation of faculty at Northeastern University and similar institutions acting as editors, reviewers, and authors, and

   WHEREAS a lasting solution to this problem requires not only interim measures but also a long range plan, and

   WHEREAS publication in open access journals and repositories is an increasingly effective option for scholarly communication,

   The Northeastern University Faculty Senate:

   a. Encourages faculty to become familiar with the pricing and business practices of journals and journal publishers in their specialty, and to support journals and publishers whose pricing and accessibility policies promote broad and continuing access to scholarship.

b. Urges faculty, especially tenured faculty, to exert a positive influence on the direction of scholarly publishing through the choices they make in the submission of papers, the commitment of time to refereeing activities, and participation in editorial work.

c. Encourages faculty and the University to support new models for scholarly publishing, including open access journals and archives, disciplinary and institutional repositories and other approaches that enhance the broad dissemination of knowledge while preserving peer review and excellence in scholarship.

d. Urges faculty to maintain control of their scholarly work by retaining intellectual property rights, in order to allow them greater freedom to disseminate their work and thereby maximize the impact of their scholarship.

e. Calls upon the faculty and University administration to support these changes by providing incentives and assistance to for those advancing alternative models.

[Note: Nothing in this resolution is intended to detract from recognition of the link between journal quality and scholarly benefits to individuals, departments and the University, or to undermine the central role of the peer review process in academic publication. Rather, the goal is to encourage publication in open-access sources where these goals will not be compromised, to increase the range and quality of open access journals and archives, and to encourage journal editors and publishers to support open access goals.]

Senate meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. except April 25, which will include the organizational meeting of the 2007-08 Senate from 10-11 a.m. and the final meeting of the 2006-07 Senate from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. President Aoun will attend the October 18 meeting.
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