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Faculty Senate, Northeastern University

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

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- I. The next meeting of the 2007-08 Faculty Senate will be:

**Date: Wednesday, 3 October**  
**Time: 11:45 AM to 1:25 PM**  
**Place: 450 Dodge**

II. Agenda

- A. Minutes (19 September 2007)
- B. SAC Report (Professor Glod)
- C. Provost's Report (Provost Abdelal)
- D. Questions & discussion (10 minutes)

III. Sense of the Senate resolution

*WHEREAS* the Faculty Handbook, 2000-2001 Edition, declares in Section I.A.1. that, "The Teaching Faculty is represented by the Faculty Senate, which together with the Administration of the University, has the responsibility of maintaining and improving the academic standards of the University and making the functioning of the University more effective and harmonious."; and

*WHEREAS* Northeastern University faculty members have raised significant concerns about faculty governance and participation in major University decisions and shaping the academic agenda; and

*WHEREAS* revisions and resolutions to the Faculty Handbook, passed by the Faculty Senate between fall 2002 through spring 2005, remain largely unresolved; and

*WHEREAS* the *Statement of the Faculty Senate* in the Faculty Handbook states that "...modification and revision of the *Handbook* do not constitute simple updating of factual material or changes to conform to applicable laws, we believe that collegiality requires continued consultation between the Faculty Senate, Provost and President in order to maintain the vitality of this document as the basis of University governance. It is the position of the Faculty Senate that substantive changes to this *Handbook* for which procedures are not already mandated by the *Handbook* itself should receive the approval of the Faculty Senate."

BE IT RESOLVED That each unsigned resolution pertaining to the Faculty Handbook receive a response from Northeastern University administration by noting approval or listing specific issues in dispute by the end of the fall 2007 semester with the expectation that a Faculty Handbook be in place by the end of spring 2008 semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That, in the spirit of shared governance outlined in the current Handbook, we respectfully request that the President and Provost work with the Faculty

Senate to ensure meaningful input and participation and greater transparency in the Northeastern University decision-making process to improve the functioning of the University.

IV. 2006-07 Senate Committee for Financial Affairs final report and recommendations (Professor Bruns)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the final report of the 2006-07 Senate Committee for Financial Affairs.

V. Mid-Tenure Review Guidelines (Executive Vice Provost Powers-Lee)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Annual Progress-Toward-Tenure Review guidelines approved by the Faculty Senate on 14 April 2003 (30-0-1) be amended as proposed by the Office of the Provost.

VI. 2006-07 Senate Committee for Academic Policy final report and resolutions (Professor Hill)

*Resolution #1*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate accept the final report of the 2006-07 Academic Policy Committee.

*Resolution #2*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approve the recommendation of the 2006-07 Academic Standing Committee to expand upon the recently amended Student Government Association's Academic Integrity Policy, to include a more comprehensive statement about faculty options and institutional responsibilities, along the lines of Northwestern University's and/or The Pennsylvania State University's statements.

*Resolution #3*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approve the recommendation of the 2006-07 Academic Standing Committee to establish a consistent university-wide reporting mechanism for all instances of academic integrity violations, including cases that are settled between a faculty member and a student directly as well as cases that faculty refer to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR).

*Resolution #4*

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approve the recommendation of the 2006-07 Academic Standing Committee to further review the Restorative Justice concept and determine whether to develop a Restorative Justice "track" within the range of permitted approaches to resolving violations of the Academic Integrity policy.



Senate meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. except April 23, 2008 which will include the organizational meeting of the 2008-09 Senate from 10-11 a.m. and the final meeting of the 2007-08 Senate from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Please check our website regularly at [www.facultysenate.neu.edu](http://www.facultysenate.neu.edu) for updates and changes.*

**2007**

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October 17 (Raytheon, 240 EC)  
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November 14 (**450 DG**)  
December 12 (Raytheon, 240 EC)  
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**2008**

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March 26 (Raytheon, 240 EC)  
April 9 (Raytheon, 240 EC)  
April 16 (Raytheon, 240 EC)  
April 23\* (Raytheon, 240 EC)

\*10-11am Organizational Meeting of the 2008-09 Senate; 11am-4pm, last meeting of the 2007-08 Senate