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A SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A UNIVERSITY-WIDE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE THAT WILL EXAMINE THE SUMMER QUARTER.

Whereas Northeastern University is a cooperative education institution, the summer quarter at Northeastern must be a full fledged academic quarter, **AND**

Whereas The number of the current summer course offerings is wholly inadequate to the needs of students and the growing number of part-time faculty raises questions about the academic quality of the summer course offerings, **AND**

Though we recognize that the absence of both the Freshman and Senior classes permits the offering of a smaller array of classes, we feel that this has fallen below an acceptable level, **AND**

Whereas The university operates on a four day schedule during the summer quarter which limits summer quarter students from participating in co-curricular activities and having access to various integral services available during the other academic quarters, **THEREFORE BE IT**

Resolved that a university-wide committee with adequate representation of faculty, staff, students and administrators be created by the President to examine the issues associated with the summer quarter with a study to be completed and results published by the end of the summer quarter of 1999, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

Resolved that the issues to be addressed should include, but not be limited to, the quantity and quality of summer course offerings, the availability of upper level courses, the university's hours of operation, the administrative office hours, the quality of teaching, including the use of part-time faculty and the consistency of the image of the summer quarter as a full and regular academic quarter that Northeastern is projecting **AND BE IT FURTHER**

Resolved that this committee should also address possible alternatives such as the need for Friday classes and the expansion of operating hours. **AND BE IT FURTHER**

Resolved that the committee should also examine more effective ways of using the summer quarter without affecting the college experience of Northeastern students, since it seems apparent that many students have recognized the deficiencies of the summer quarter and are opting out of co-op divisions which require them to take classes during the summer quarter.

Respectfully submitted with the approval of the Academic Affairs Committee,

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Vote: Yea 26
Nay 1
Abstain 0

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