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Office of the Faculty Senate

TO: FACULTY SENATE
FROM: ARUN BANSIL, SECRETARY, FACULTY SENATE
SUBJECT: MINUTES, 2011-2012 FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF

Present: (Professors) Adams, Alper, Aroian, Aslam, Bannister, Bansil, Basagni, Daynard, Fitzgerald, Gaffney, Hanson, Herman, Kruger, Muftu, Poriss, Rappaport, Sherman, Sherwood, Strasser, Todorov, Yang, Young, Waszczak, Zgarrick

(Administrators) Costa, Director, Fulmer, Gibson, Loeffelholz, Van Den Abbeele, Soyster

Absent (Professors) Alshawabkeh, Barberis, Fox, Katula, Sandler, Strauss,

(Administrators) Finkelstein, Lane, Spieler

Provost Director convened the meeting at 11:47 AM

- I. Senate minutes of 8 February 2012 were accepted as amended.
- II. Professor Kruger reported that SAC met twice in regular session since the last Senate meeting; once with the Provost and once with the Senior Leadership Team. Professor Kruger met once with the Provost.

The graduate certificate announced at the last Senate meeting should have been titled the ***Graduate Certificate in the Non Profit Sector.***

A Graduate Certificate Program in Applied Behavior Analysis is proposed in the Department of Counseling and Applied Educational Psychology in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences. This was sent electronically; questions should be forwarded to the Graduate Council within ten days.

SAC has been asked to convene a Chair Search Committee in the Department of Physics/College of Science under Section 1C.3) of the Faculty Handbook: *Make a candid evaluation of the qualifications and potential of a specific candidate who is being considered by the President, surveying opinions of other faculty members and contrasting the named candidate with any other internal candidates whom the committee feels should be considered.* Staffing is underway.

During the last months the SAC and the Senior Leadership Team has met to discuss University-wide issues including the process for substantive changes to the Faculty Handbook. Professor Kruger was pleased to report that SAC and the Senior Leadership Team have mutually agreed to a process to make substantive changes to the Faculty Handbook. That process will be presented on 21 March and the Senate will be asked to vote favorably.

III. Provost Director reported another record number of applications to Northeastern which represents somewhat of a surprise as selectivity has become tighter. The average SAT score has also increased. The University will now move into the recruiting phase which is an activity involving the entire University community.

IV. Questions and discussion.

Professor Gaffney asked for the percentage of change in applications over last year and the previous year. The Provost responded that the numbers increased by approximately a thousand but did not have percentage figures.

Professor Rappaport asked if Northeastern has received the most applicants this year as well. The Provost indicated that USC was first but that Northeastern accepts far fewer students.

V. Professor Kruger read the following and it was seconded:

***WHEREAS* some Senate committees are given charges that by their nature may require more than one year to complete; and**

***WHEREAS* it is often inefficient and counterproductive to completely reconstitute Senate committees annually;**

***BE IT RESOLVED* That the Senate Agenda Committee has the discretion to staff Senate standing and ad hoc committees so that members are appointed for terms of two years on a staggered basis, except in those instances where a resolution approved by both the Senate and administration, the bylaws of a committee, or the Faculty Handbook specify committee membership terms.**

Professor Hanson, chair of the Administrator Evaluation Oversight Committee (AEOC) spoke in favor pointing out the usefulness of continuity on the AEOC.

Professor Herman noted the importance of systemizing this proposal and spoke favorably of the resolution in terms of planning and maintaining continuity.

Provost Director asked whether staggered terms would allow earlier charging and staffing of Senate Committees. Professor Kruger noted that SAC staffs as many as forty committees a year but the aim of the resolution is an attempt to do so in a timelier manner.

VOTE to grant SAC discretion to staff certain defined Senate Committees for two-year staggered terms: PASSED, 29-0-0.

VI. Professor Kruger read the following and it was seconded:

***BE IT RESOLVED* That Northeastern University establish the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in Applied Behavior Analysis in the Department of Counseling and Applied Educational Psychology in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the Graduate Council (7-0-0) on 8 February 2012.**

The Senate recognized Clinical Professor Gould who explained that the proposal will be offered to those individuals holding degrees in other clinical disciplines in order to enrich their expertise. Senators were assured that the CAGS is a degree.

Professor Young inquired about how the technical and pedagogical aspects of this on-line course will be carried out. Clinical Professor Gould responded that three faculty members, including her, will be taking responsibility of the on-line feature. She noted as well that the MS in Applied Behavior Analysis, which has been offered for a number of years, has one of the highest pass rates in the country.

VOTE to establish the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in Applied Behavior Analysis in the Department of Counseling and Applied Educational Psychology in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences: PASSED, 28-0-0.

The Senate adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Arun Bansil, Secretary
Faculty Senate