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Northeastern University
Office of the Faculty Senate

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

I. The next meeting of the 2009-10 Faculty Senate will be:

Date**: Wednesday, 31 March 2010**

Time**: 11:45 AM to 1:25 PM**

Place**: Raytheon, 240 EC**

II. Agenda

A. Approval of minutes

B. SAC Report (Professor Morrison)

C. Provost's Report (Provost Director)

D. Questions & discussion (10 minutes)

III. Revisions to the Faculty Handbook (Vice Provost Loeffelholz)

Faculty Handbook revision #1 is on the floor

***WHEREAS* tenure at academic institutions is ordinarily construed as an appointment without limitation of time, and**

***WHEREAS* Northeastern University's present definition of tenure as a continuing right to annual employment contracts imposes inefficiencies upon the University,**

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Handbook section on "Tenure", revised and approved by the Faculty Senate on April 14, 2003 and again on April 22, 2009 and approved by the Board of Trustees May 8, 2009, be amended *as attached*.

Faculty Handbook revision #2:

BE IT RESOLVED That the first paragraph of Faculty Handbook section on "Academic Appointments, Rights and Responsibilities" approved by the Faculty Senate on November 18 and December 2, 2002; revised April 2009 and approved by the Board of Trustees on May 8, 2009, be amended *as attached*.

IV. Proposal to change GPA requirements for Honors Graduation Status as voted upon by the UUCC (7-0-0 and 4-1-1) (Vice Provost Powers-Lee)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate recommends that GPA requirements to graduate with honors be 3.500-3.699 for cum laude, 3.700-3.849 for magna cum laude and 3.850-4.000 for summa cum laude; that the GPA requirement for Dean's List be 3.500; and that future statements

of these GPA minima contain the provision that the University reserves the right to change these standards.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That new honors graduation requirements take effect for the class graduating in January, 2014.