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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 2010-2011 Faculty Senate will be:

Date: **Wednesday, 20 October 2010**

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

Place: **Raytheon, 240 EC**

II. Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes
- B. SAC Report (Professor Kruger)
- C. Provost's Report (Provost Director)
- D. Questions & discussion

III. Primer for Roberts Rules (Professor Peterfreund)

IV. Dual/combined majors (Vice Provost Powers-Lee)

V. Report and recommendations of the 2009-2010 Senate Committee for Research Policy Oversight (Professor McKnight)

Resolution #1

WHEREAS reducing or eliminating the Indirect Cost returned to principal investigators could impact research productivity,

BE IT RESOLVED that the specific allocation for Indirect Cost Return to the principal investigator be determined at the time of submission of the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the specific allocation for newly generated Indirect Cost Return be placed into lapsing accounts with a fixed expiration date of two years. Funds in existing Indirect Cost Return accounts will not be affected.

Resolution #2

WHEREAS interdisciplinary research is being encouraged at the University,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provost's Office develop clear inter-College guidelines for Indirect Cost Return involving interdisciplinary programs and proposals.

Resolution #3

WHEREAS the Faculty Incentive Program has, in the opinion of the 2009-2010 RPOC, contributed to the recent growth of the research base at Northeastern University and has the support of RPOC members,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Incentive Program be restored as a mechanism to encourage research activity and productivity, as well as to facilitate the hiring of highly productive research faculty.

Resolution #4

WHEREAS more of the externally funded University research is emanating from collaborations within research units distinct from academic departments and these research units often differ with respect to their size and complexity of operation,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provost's Office develop clear definitions and criteria for research units such as laboratories, centers, and institutes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the criteria for evaluating the viability of these research units be specified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the viability of these research units be evaluated at a minimum of five-year intervals.