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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, 1 December 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. Establishment of a Steering Committee to Oversee Reviews of Colleges and Academic Departments (Professor Portz)

WHEREAS shared governance requires that the Faculty Senate be consulted in major University-wide activities that will directly affect the future of academic programs; and

WHEREAS the bylaws of the Faculty Senate specifically state that the Senate and the administration have the joint responsibility of "maintaining and improving the academic standards of the University" and that the Senate "serves also to coordinate the activities of the various college faculties as well as those that involve both the administration and faculty of the University;" and

WHEREAS the bylaws of the University Graduate Council indicate that the Council has the prerogative to oversee the reviews of graduate programs; and

WHEREAS commonly accepted standards for the evaluation of educational programs include the need for the major stakeholders of the evaluation to be consulted throughout the entire review process;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate and the Provost's Office jointly establish a steering committee to oversee all phases of the review process, including the design of the evaluation guidelines, selection of external reviewers, and the development of the final recommendations for any actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a steering committee be chaired by the Provost or the Provost's designee and be composed of representatives from different University stakeholder groups, including Faculty Senate, University Graduate Council, and administrators.

IV. Modularization of the Faculty Handbook (Professor Adams)

WHEREAS providing the most up-to-date and easy to access Faculty Handbook is in the best interests of the University;

BE IT RESOLVED that a modular and web-based Faculty Handbook be developed and maintained on the Faculty Senate's website.