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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 2011-2012 Faculty Senate will be:

Date: **Wednesday, 11 January 2012**

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. Report and Recommendations of the 2011 Research Policy Oversight Committee (Professor Sandler)

WHEREAS the University is moving on a strong upward trajectory of research, and therefore the infrastructure for encouraging, attracting and managing extramural funding should be continuously strengthened,

BE IT RESOLVED That the following recommendations be implemented:

Improve the Banner System via a dashboard or other suitable interface so that principal investigators can more easily obtain and understand the budget information pertaining to their grants;

Develop a 'frequently asked questions (FAQs)' link on the Office of Research Administration and Finance (ORAF) support website addressing issues related to proposal preparation and submission, and post-award management functions;

Strengthen the ORAF training initiatives for principal investigators;

Review the pre-award and post-award roles of the principal investigator, college administration, and ORAF for the purposes of clarifying these roles and improving coordination and communication of roles and responsibilities to the principal investigators.

Increase support at the College and/or departmental level for the purpose of reducing the burden of grant and personnel management on the principal investigators, addressing budget and accounting errors in a timelier manner, and improving the processing of purchase orders;

Develop a plan for the more prompt processing of salary charges on grants by means of a collaborative effort between the Colleges and the Office of Human Resources.

IV. Northeastern University Space (Provost's Office)

V. Discontinuation of New England Press Agreement (Vice Provost Loeffelholz)

***BE IT RESOLVED* That the Northeastern University Press pursue a phased withdrawal from its agreement with the University Press of New England.**