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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, 26 January 2011**

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. Graduate Council Resolution – Suspension of Enrollment: MS in Applied Behavior Analysis (Professor Lifter)

BE IT RESOLVED **That the Faculty Senate approve the suspension of enrollments to the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis as approved by the Graduate Council on 7 December 2010.**

IV. University Student Activities Periods (Professor Bruns)

WHEREAS **enrollment growth at the graduate level, increased student co-curricular activities, increased number of smaller classes, and higher student retention rates have resulted in the over-utilization of existing classroom space;**

BE IT RESOLVED **that the Wednesday student activity period, which occurs from 11:45 AM to 1:25 PM, and the Thursday student activity period, which occurs from 2:50 PM to 4:30 PM, be eliminated and replaced by semester course sequences for academic classes;**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED **that whenever a conflict occurs between Faculty Senate meetings and a faculty senator's teaching schedule that suitable accommodations be sought in the senator's teaching schedule so that the faculty senator is able to attend Faculty Senate meetings.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED **that the University and colleges provide the support and resources to enable students to continue to participate in student groups that have used activity periods for meeting times.**

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

R*esolution #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 account with a fixed expiration date of four years after the end of the grant or upon a date negotiated with the Dean of the College in which the principal investigator resides.**

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.**