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A SENATE RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT EVERY NORTHEASTERN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE HAS AN ONLINE SYLLABUS OBTAINABLE TO ENROLLED STUDENTS IN ADDITION TO A HARD COpy TO ENSURE GREATER ACCESSABILITY AND CONTINUITY.

WHEREAS: The course syllabus is an essential component to instruction and a crucial

piece to a student's academic outlook, AND

WHEREAS: The availability, circulation and distribution of course syllabi vary greatly

among respective colleges, AND

WHEREAS: Northeastern University is committed to providing equal access for all

students regardless of disability status, AND

WHEREAS: Northeastern University currently provides education and instruction for

faculty at the Education Technology Center in programs that notably expand

students' access to information such as Blackboard, AND

WHEREAS: Students' web access to course syllabi would greatly improve the level of

communication between faculty and students and enhance the availability of

information on and off campus, AND

WHEREAS: Students are not always able to make contact with their professors or

instructors, to request information that might otherwise be available in a

syllabus, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: That every undergraduate course, lab, recitation, section adjunct, module, and seminar taught at Northeastern University provides an updated online version of the syllabus, AND THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: That 50% of syllabi per college (as defined above) be available via the internet by the end of the first full academic semester after this legislation is approved and 100% by the first academic semester thereafter, AND THERFORE

BE IT RESOLVED: That each Academic department will maintain a directory of courses offered with access directions to each individual course's syllabus. This directory will reside both in the department's office and on its website.

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Yea: 68

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