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A SENATE RESOLUTION FORMALIZING THE ACTIVITIES PERIODS

WHEREAS, The activities periods provide essential accessibility to and legitimacy for extracurricular programming; AND

WHEREAS, The Academic Operations Manual explicitly confirms the critical nature of activities periods in stating that "instructors should plan not to use these hours for their official conference periods or for required instructional work with students;" AND

WHEREAS, The Students' Bill of Academic Rights and Responsibilities states that "students have the right to scheduled activities periods free from undergraduate academic commitments, such as scheduled classes and coop meetings;" AND

WHEREAS, A significant number of curricular events are scheduled for activities periods as convenient blocks of time in which students likely have fewer course-based obligations; AND

WHEREAS, Such scheduling interferes with the stated purpose of activities periods in that it undermines student activities; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That all members of the faculty and staff not schedule compulsory course-related activities during activities periods; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That if a faculty or staff member schedules a course-related event during an activities period, the students affected must either a) have the opportunity to complete the activity or its equivalent at another time, or b) be excused and not penalized for their absence in any way that might affect grades, attendance records, co-op placement, or any other academic standing or privilege; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That the next edition of the *Faculty Handbook* include provisions that formalize this resolution.

Submitted with the unanimous support of the Academic Affairs Committee,

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SR-F-05-102: A SENATE RESOLUTION FORMALIZING THE **ACTIVITIES PERIODS**

The activities periods have been a part of Northeastern's scheduling for many years. They were particularly significant when we were a commuting school and still can serve a useful purpose. As noted in the resolution, the 1993-1994 edition of the Academic Operations Manual states that "Instructors should plan not to use these hours for their official conference periods or for required instructional work with students." I will ask Provost Abdelal to remind the academic units of this element of the Academic Operations Manual.

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