Present: (Professors) Basagni, Board, Carrier, Cokely, Craig, Daynard, De Ritis, Fitzgerald, Fountain, Fox, Garcia, King, Kruger, Lee, Lefkovitz, Makriyannis, Metghalchi, Nelson, Noubir, Ondrechen, Parekh, Piret, Rabrenovic, Rappaport, Sceppa, Stepanyants, Strasser, Yang

(Administrators) Aubrey, Costa, Courtney, Director, Finkelstein, Fulmer, Gibson, Loeffelholz, Poiger, Ronkin

Absent: Professors Gouldstone and Strauss

The Senate convened at 11:47 AM

I. The minutes of 6 November were approved as written.

II. Professor Daynard reported that agenda item VI. Was added after the printed agenda was mailed to senators. SAC met twice in regular session since the last Senate meeting. The following Senate resolutions were approved by the Provost. Board of Trustees approval is not needed:

- 1314-01 Name change: BFA in Digital Art to BFA in Media Arts – CAMD
- 1314-02 Name change: BFA in Graphic Design to BFA in Design – CAMD
- 1314-03 Suspension of admissions: MS in School Counseling – BCHS
- 1314-05 BS in Industrial Engineering/MS in Engineering Management – COE
- 1314-08 Inter-Professional Certificate in Aging - BCHS

III. Provost Director reported that the Master Plan was accepted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority last week and it included the Integrated Science and Engineering Building on Columbus Avenue. The design is being completed; ground-breaking is expected to be in spring 2014 with an anticipated fall 2016 opening. The Provost praised the Empower Fest events last week.

Dean Gibson reported a generous gift last year which provides focus for scientific activity and will house the Ocean Genome Legacy. Nobel laureate Sir Richard Roberts joined the faculty on 1 November as Distinguished University Professor jointly appointed in Biology and in Marine and Environmental Sciences. His appointment is for five years.

Dean Poiger reported on the CSSH digital archive of last April’s Marathon bombing and its aftermath and which relates to the College’s broader focus area of resilience.

Dean Aubry reported a grant from the Dept. of Homeland Security to fund the Awareness and Localization of Explosives-Related Threats (ALERT) Center of Excellence. This is a new grant that succeeds the previous ALERT Center. It is $18.5 million over five
years. Professor Silevitch is PI and Director, Professor Rappaport co-PI and Deputy Director.

IV. Professor Board reported that smokers continue to be prevalent especially along the back road next to the MBTA and they will not tolerate being approached. She asked if there was enforcement other than individual persons. Dean Fulmer reported that patterns are being watched and fellow students are being sent to those areas to try the Public Health model. Professor Daynard noted that the public health model does include enforcement although not as the first course of action. Observations may be emailed to Dean Fulmer. The question arose as to whether the road next to the MBTA is public property or NU property. Dean Fulmer will determine the answer.

V. Professor Sceppa read the following and it was seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED That the Department of Physical Therapy be renamed the Department of Physical Therapy, Movement, and Rehabilitation Sciences in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences as approved by the Bouvé faculty.

Professor Iverson was recognized and explained that the Department has seen dynamic change over the past years and now has permission to offer the Masters. Tenure-track faculty members have been hired. The name change will assist in recruitment efforts and increase the Department's reputation.

VOTE to rename the Department of Physical Therapy to the Department of Physical Therapy, Movement, and Rehabilitation Services: PASSED, 35-0-0.

VI. Professor Fitzgerald read the following and it was seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Graduate Certificate in Public Policy Analysis in the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities as approved by the Graduate Council on 30 October 2013.

Professor Fitzgerald explained that the proposal emerged from dual JD/MS with the Law School. It was found that students were hesitant to pay another year of tuition for a Masters but could pick up courses to further develop their degree. She will also be exploring the potential for a dual engineering/public policy degree and an environmental science/public policy degree. Any student at Northeastern can add these courses. Graduates could work for think tanks and non-profits or any area where knowledge public policy is needed in addition to their background in science.

VOTE to establish the Graduate Certificate in Public Policy: PASSED, 34-0-0.

VII. Professor Rappaport read the following and it was seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED That the University establish the Graduate Certificate in Leading & Managing Technical Projects in the College of Professional Studies as approved by the Graduate Council on 16 October 2013.
Dean LaBrie was recognized and explained that the proposal is the result of discussions with businesses in Seattle and North Carolina whereby they expressed the need for professionals who are able to lead technical projects.

VOTE to establish the Graduate Certificate in Leading & Managing Technical Projects: PASSED, 35-0-0

VIII. Professor Herman, Senate Parliamentarian, explained that the Senate would move to a quasi–committee of the whole (or “as if in committee of the whole” which will allow the presiding officer to continue to preside. As well, it allows discussion without resolutions on the agenda. Any motions may be taken under advisement and reported upon by the presiding officer and those could be voted upon in the future. It was moved and seconded to continue as if in committee of the whole; the motion passed without objection.

Following discussion of the four-year co-op model, a motion to end the quasi-Committee of the whole was made and seconded.

Professor Board reported that the road discussed earlier behind Snell Library and along the MBTA tracks is Northeastern property rather than public property which means there can be no smoking.

Following a motion to adjourn, the Senate adjourned at 1:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Ondrechen, Secretary
Faculty Senate