The Senate convened at 11:47 AM

I. The minutes of 26 February were approved as written.

II. Professor Daynard reported that SAC met two times in regular session since the last Senate meeting; once with the SLT and once with the Provost.

By way of explanation, after SAC decided to cancel today’s Senate meeting it was informed that the DMSB program proposal needed immediate approval due to a Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow.

The following search committees have been staffed:

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the CSSH**  
*Elected members of the Department*  
Professor Ineke Marshall  
Professor Gordana Rabrenovic  
Professor Liza Weinstein  

*Appointed members:*  
Professor William Dickens, CSSH-Economics  
Professor Emmett Price, CAMD-Music  

**Department of History in the CSSH**  
*Elected members of the Department*  
Professor Jeffrey Burds  
Professor Victoria Cain  
Professor Timothy Cresswell  

*Appointed members:*  
Professor Charles Fountain, CAMD-Journalism  
Professor Neal Lerner, CSSH-English  

The following faculty members were elected to the 2014-15 Faculty Senate:  
COE: Professors Andrew Gouldstone (Mechanical & Industrial) and Jerry Hajjar (Civil & Environmental)
LAW: Professor Richard Daynard  
CSSH: Professors Dennis Cokely (American Sign Language), Neal Lerner (English), and Marina Leslie (English)  
CAMD: Professor Suzanne Charles (Architecture)

Ballots for the vote among tenured and tenure-track faculty for revised Senate Bylaws are being mailed in the next 7-10 days.

III. Provost Director reported that EMSA sent out admissions information last evening. NU received 49,823 applications for 2,800 openings. The median SAT was 1421 which is up from 1400 last year. University Scholars median SAT is 1512. The Provost recognized Senior Vice President Mantella to give context for the suspension of the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) group. The Vice President reported that there are over 300 student groups for which the University is responsible to assure that they are meeting legal requirements; to manage risk as well as to foster independence; to assure security; and to allow openness with civility and respect. The group in question has had numerous violations over past few years and the University has worked hard to keep it fully functional by providing orientations, guidance, and a handbook. After repeated violations, SJP was put on probation ten months ago and offered guidance to maintain their status. On 7 March the group was temporarily suspended until 31 December 2014. Seventeen other groups were sanctioned this year for protocol violations. NU strives for equity in the application of requirements.

IV. Questions and discussion.

Professor Daynard recognized Mr. Max Gellar, Law student and president of SJP, who opined that a mistake was made by the administration which seeks to make the matter more palatable rather than address it. The group is part of the community but is unable to meet with the President, has not been given a hearing, and has not had their appeal acknowledged. Senior Vice President Mantella responded that the appeal has been received and is under active consideration.

Professor McKnight was recognized and reported that the Huntington News appears to report that the SJP is doing what other student organizations do all the time but are being singled out. SJP members walked out of the Holocaust Service when members of the Israeli Defense Force were allowed to speak; Professor McKnight said that he would have done the same. He opined that the eviction notices that the group slid under dormitory doors was good way to call attention to issues and he find the entire matter concerning.

Professor Daynard expressed his personal sympathy to the concerns articulated by students and by Professor McKnight. However, he added that being right does not mean that the end justifies the means and that rule-breaking is acceptable because the cause is right. Professor McKnight mentioned the un-sanctioned eviction notices which produced confusion and anxiety during exams, which was apparently the point. Inflicting pain to make a point is not acceptable and the University has an obligation to protect students. Professor Daynard suggested that the Presidential Council on Diversity and Inclusion is an appropriate venue in which to organize a discussion.

Professor Strauss inquired about the lab access policy that the University has been working on since last fall. Provost Director responded that a policy has been passed and that he will make sure that it is advertised.

Professor Crittenden noted that the online Conflict of Interest form does not work and the Provost noted that as soon as it does another notice will be sent.
V. Professor Crittenden read the following and Professor Strauss seconded.

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the University establish the Master of Science in Innovation in the D’Amore-McKim School of Business as approved by the Graduate Council on 19 February 2014 (8-0-0).

Dean Courtney explained that the audience for the proposal will be working professionals who are leading innovation teams. The time is right for a more focused MS degree platform for working professionals. The Dean recognized Professor Maletta who further explained that studying innovation processes will assist professionals to address processes that are suffering and channel their knowledge to create business-viable services and products. The College’s high tech program requires the MBA. This proposal allows those with the MBA to add the MS in Innovation and to perhaps add additional degrees to their resume.

Professor Metghalchi noted the puzzling title which is usually related to scientists and engineers. Professor Maletta responded that the context of the degree is innovation within the framework of business.

Professor Strauss suggested that it would be better called the MS of Business Innovation to avoid confusion by persons looking at degrees offered by the University. Dean Courtney noted that the Master of Science is common in business schools and that the difference between innovation and invention seems distinguishable.

Professor Basagni noted that the curriculum mentions projects with science and engineering and wondered whether there are overlaps. Professor Maletta noted that there were not.

DMSB Associate Dean Klepper was recognized and explained that potential applications are not required to have a science or technical background. Rather, it is anticipated that they will come from a broader business background.

Professor Strauss made a ‘friendly amendment’ to change the name to MS in Business Administration but Professor Crittenden did not accept this.

Several faculty spoke against the motion noting that innovation is an inherently interdisciplinary undertaking and that the location of the program within DMSB sufficiently narrows the offering.

Professor Strauss noted that innovation happens in every College and department and that a name change more aptly focuses and strengthens the program. Professor Maletta explained that, while it is an interdisciplinary process it does not include the creation of new technology but how it is utilized. He assumes, too, that people look at the College first and then at the programs offered.

Several additional senators spoke against the motion due to the general context of the proposed program.

VOTE on the amendment to change the name: FAILED, 2-19-6.

VOTE to support establishment of the Master of Science in Innovation: PASSED, 25-2-0.
VI. Professor Rappaport read the following and Professor Crittenden seconded.

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the University establish an attractive, vibrant, up-to-date website that will appear on inputting “Northeastern University undergraduate research” which will boast about undergraduates’ accomplishments and direct interested parties to opportunities in the individual colleges, funding resources, Co-op opportunities and other pertinent information.

Professor Strauss explained that that the Senate Committee for Research Policy Oversight examined twenty matchmate universities and have here proposed the need for a University-wide website that calls attention to undergraduate research. Sixty percent of students recruited inquire about undergraduate research opportunities.

A ‘friendly amendment’ to substitute “The Senate supports University-wide efforts to establish…” for “the University establish…” was accepted.

Professor Strauss expressed the hope that the Colleges will undertake to create equally exciting websites.

As amended, the resolution is reads:

**BE IT RESOLVED** That the Senate supports University-wide efforts to establish an attractive, vibrant, up-to-date website that will appear on inputting “Northeastern University undergraduate research” which will boast about undergraduates’ accomplishments and direct interested parties to opportunities in the individual colleges, funding resources, Co-op opportunities and other pertinent information.

VOTE in support of a University-wide website for undergraduate research: PASSED, 26-0-0.

Adjourn: 12:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Daynard, Chair
Faculty Senate Agenda Committee