TO: All Full-time Faculty Members  
FROM: Faculty Senate Agenda Committee  
SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Meeting

I. THE LAST MEETING OF THE 2015-16 FACULTY SENATE WILL BE:

Date: Wednesday, 27 April 2016  
Time: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Place: Raytheon, 240 EC

II. AGENDA

A. Approval of the 20 April 2016 minutes  
B. SAC Report (Professor Sceppa)  
C. Provost’s Report (Provost Bean)  
D. Questions and discussion

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. CSSH PROPOSAL: COMBINATION OF TWO DEPARTMENTS (PROFESSOR COKELY)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Department of Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies be established in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, combining the Department of African American Studies and the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, as approved by the CSSH College Council on 15 April 2016 (6-0-0).

B. GRADUATE COUNCIL: MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN ANALYTICS (PROFESSOR HANSON)

BE IT RESOLVED That Northeastern University establish the Master of Professional Studies in Analytics in the College of Professional Studies as approved by the Graduate Council on 13 April 2016 (6-1-0).

C. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH POLICY OVERSIGHT (PROFESSOR YOUNG)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the 2015-2016 Senate Committee for Research Policy Oversight.
D. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES (PROFESSOR BICKMORE)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the 2015-2016 Senate Committee for Information Technology Policy.

D.1 ITPC Resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED That the Senate Agenda Committee be urged to work with the Provost’s Office to establish a University-wide grant management working group, with membership drawn from principal investigators from each College, along with representatives from Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Office of Research Administration and Finance (ORAF), to be charged with evaluating and selecting a Principal Investigator(PI)-facing, real-time, post-award grant management system and other software tools to facilitate grant post-award management and compliance for faculty investigators; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That resources be provided to purchase and integrate these tools with Northeastern’s current grant management systems and to distribute these tools to and train all grant PIs and unit grant administrative personnel.

D.2 ITPC Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED That Northeastern ITS visit each college at least once per year to ascertain faculty concerns; to apprise faculty of the range of ITS software, services and activities related to faculty research; to solicit suggestions for both software and services; and to identify unmet faculty IT needs; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That a web directory of all available software tools be developed by Northeastern ITS, communicated to all faculty and staff, and maintained on at least a semi-annual basis.
D.3 ITPC Resolution #3

BE IT RESOLVED That the Office of the Provost establish a committee consisting of the cyber security research faculty at Northeastern University; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That the director and staff of the NU Office of Information Security regularly meet with that committee in order to better secure Northeastern’s information infrastructure and to better support cyber security research; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That security policy decisions be made in consultation with this committee.

D.4 ITPC Resolution #4

BE IT RESOLVED That Northeastern ITS provide a list of all software being considered for procurement related to infrastructure, teaching or research, to ITPC on at least a semi-annual basis, and that ITPC be charged with reviewing these lists and providing recommendations to ITS.

E. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR FULL-TIME NON-TENURE-TRACK FACULTY (PROFESSOR COKELY)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the 2015-2016 Senate Committee for Full-time non-tenure-track Faculty.

E.1 FT NTTF resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED That it is the sense of the Senate that Northeastern University move toward “one faculty” by minimizing the differences (with the obvious exception of tenure) between the various classifications of full-time faculty.

E.2 FT NTTF resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED That the proposed modified Grievance Module of the Faculty Handbook be accepted in order that all full-time faculty are included in and covered by the Grievance process currently reserved for Tenured and Tenure Track faculty.
E.3 FT NTTF resolution #3

BE IT RESOLVED That the proposed language on Retaliation be added to the Faculty Handbook as a new module.

E.4 FT NTTF resolution #4

BE IT RESOLVED That all FT non-T/TT Faculty are eligible for the same lengths of contract, based on rank. Those ranks and corresponding contract lengths are:
- At first level/rank, such as assistant teaching professor: 1-year renewable terms
- At second level/rank, such as associate clinical professor: 3-year renewable terms
- At third level/rank, such as principal lecturer: 5-year renewable terms.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That, under extraordinary circumstances, contract length could be shortened from the aforementioned terms on a case by case basis.

E.5 FT NTTF resolution #5

BE IT RESOLVED That the proposed language on Appointments, Terms and Reappointments be added to the Faculty Handbook as a new module.

E.6 FT NTTF resolution #6

BE IT RESOLVED That Faculty members in the ranks of Assistant or Associate Teaching Professor, Assistant or Associate Clinical Professor, Assistant or Associate Academic Specialist, and Lecturer or Senior Lecturer may request consideration for promotion to the next faculty rank after completing a minimum of three full years of service at the faculty member's current rank. Units employing faculty members in these ranks shall have procedures for promotion consideration consistent with the Faculty Handbook, and approved by the Provost.

F. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSIONS POLICY (PROFESSOR BARCZAK)

BE IT RESOLVED That the Faculty Senate accept the report of the 2015-2016 Senate Committee for Enrollment and Admissions Policy.
F.1 EAPC resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED That Northeastern University ensure transparency regarding how the goals of the University are used to shape the composition of the in-coming undergraduate class, including the role that Deans and Associate Deans play in establishing and meeting target enrollment goals for their respective colleges.

F.2 EAPC resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED That Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA) provide more transparency into the process of determining admitted undergraduates, including information to the faculty as to how particular elements of an application are weighted.

F.3 EAPC resolution #3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (EMSA) collaborate with each of the colleges, which have experienced substantial declines in fall freshman enrollments during the last several years, for the purpose of devising a mutually satisfactory plan for increasing the fall freshman enrollments in these colleges; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED That EMSA report annually to the Faculty Senate on the design, implementation and outcomes of these enrollment improvement plans.