

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Evanston Campus: Pancoe Auditorium

Chicago Campus: Wieboldt 421

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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### AGENDA:

1. Welcome by Stephen Eisenman, chair – 1 minutes
2. The chair offers the following Resolution -- 3 minutes:  
*That the Senate honors Jeri Logemann for her many years of service to her students, her department, and particularly the Faculty Senate. By this resolution, members officially extend to Jeri their sincere wishes for improved health and a speedy return to the Senate chamber.*
3. Chair's report/remarks, Stephen Eisenman - 10 minutes
  1. "The Senate's Two Bodies -- Professional and Intellectual (Scientific)"
  2. Severe parking shortage on North Campus near music building construction site\*
  3. Political statements by the President and Provost\*
  4. Vice chair for 2014-2015
4. Nominations for Committee Chairs – 5 minutes
5. Committee Reports – 40 minutes
  1. Benefits, Chair Donna Jurdy
  2. Educational Affairs, Chair Susan Lee
  3. Faculty Handbook, Chair Wesley Roth Burghardt
  4. Governance, Chair Carol Simpson-Stern
  5. Non-tenured, Chair Heather Colburn
  6. Research Affairs, Chair Norman Harden
  7. Secure Faculty Survey, Chair Martin Block
  8. Executive Committee, Chair Stephen Eisenman
6. The chair offers the following Resolutions -- 20 minutes each:
  - a. Faculty salary and benefits --  
*The Senate Chair proposes the formation of a Special Faculty Committee -- see Article 5, Section 3, Part 1, including representatives from the Budget, Benefits and Non-Tenured faculty committees (membership chosen by the committees themselves) and at least one senior NU administrator, to undertake a year-long review of NU policy concerning faculty salary and benefits. The Senate Chair will serve ex officio. Among the issues it may address are: national standing of NU compensation levels at every rank; current system for awarding wage increases; over-emphasis on outside offers as a basis for salary raises and consideration of alternative procedures; apparent decline in value of benefits; equity and fairness of current benefit system; and mediated relationship between endowment income and salary and benefit levels. Upon completion of its review, the committee will write a succinct report and make recommendations to the Senate.*
  - b. Global research and teaching --  
*The Senate Chair proposes the convening of a Special Faculty Committee -- see Article 5, Section 3, Part 1, to consider the establishment of a new Center for Research on Climate Change and the*

*Anthropocene (actual name to be determined later). The committee will include representatives from the Educational Affairs, Research, and Social Responsibility committees (membership chosen by the committees themselves) and at least one senior NU administrator. The Senate Chair will serve ex officio. Though Northwestern has placed global issues at the top of its recent Strategic Plan, established centers for Global Engagement, Global Culture and Communication, and Global Health Studies, developed a Global Opportunities website, hired a new Vice President for Global Marketing, and made global outreach the focus of its recent trustee/faculty luncheon, it has not addressed as an institution global climate change and the anthropocene. (The latter term, popularized by the atmospheric chemist and Nobel Prize winner Paul Crutzen, describes "a geologic age of our own making" in which natural ecosystems have been so transformed and degraded that they may in the near future be incompatible with human life.) In coordination with existing centers and programs, the new Center would coordinate research and teaching in the following areas (among others): the science of climate change; climate policy and national education; ecology and biodiversity; water systems (droughts, floods, and water wars); alternative fuels; transition to more sustainable plant-based diets; soil erosion and depletion; deforestation; species extinction; and zoonotic diseases. Upon completion of its evaluation, the committee will write a succinct report and make a recommendation to the Senate.*

**c. Organization of Senate Committees - -**

*The Chair proposes the establishment of a Special Faculty Committee -- see Article 5, Section 3, Part 1, on Governance and Ways and Means, including representatives from the existing Governance, Handbook, Budget, and Faculty Rights and Responsibilities committees (membership chosen by the committees themselves) and one senior administrator to review the current structure of Senate committees. The Senate Chair will serve ex officio. The Special Faculty Committee will evaluate standing versus Special Faculty Committees, and consider the proper role of Northwestern administrators in Senate committees. The committee will also review existing (non-Senate) campus-wide committees and address the idea of bringing them into the Senate portfolio. Finally, the committee will consider what personnel and financial resources are necessary to establish the most effective committee structure and most productive system of shared governance. Upon completion of its evaluation, the committee will write a succinct report and make a recommendation to the Senate.*

- 7. New Business - 1 minute**
- 8. Adjournment - Time for greeting and socializing**

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