MONTHLY REPORT

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Project Updates:

• College Expectations: the sub-committee report was due this month as both a presentation to Senate and a formal report. The hard work of this committee really paid off and an awesome report was assembled, with detailed findings from each of the seven colleges. Senators Chan, Clamp, Nagy, Whitfill and Students-at-Large Doulin, Edelson, and Tucker were fantastic with their work on this sub-committee without them the report would not have been as comprehensive. Copies of the report are available upon request.

• TRACE: the sub-committee has been meeting bi-monthly and finalized the designs for the new tracking systems. We ordered the new tracking system this month, the new boards will be displayed on the windows in Curry, the signs are double sided and much larger than they have been in the past. The new system is much more sustainable and since they will not need to colored in will be easier to maintain. We are looking to collaborate with another student group to bring TRACE to a second location on Reading Day, with more details to follow once they are available. We were also able to secure a second display location in Snell to bring more publicity to the surveys.

• MyNEU Cool: last month was a strong month for Cool and student discussion on the topic, this month we focused on feedback for Cool and Co-Op in general. Senator’s Nagy and Whitfill have been hard at work on creating a survey similar to TRACE in practice, but the hope is that it can replace the current end of coop survey students fill out. More details to come as they are available.

• Budget Priorities: the presentation was given to the student body at the end of the month; the voice of the students was heard in a variety of ways. The Tuition increase for the 2013-2014 was the lowest in more than 30 years at 3.7%, there was discussion of the renovations to Snell as well as an increase study space for both undergraduate and graduate students. Students at the event were particularly concerned about innovation opportunities for students; this could be something to look at for next year’s VP for AA.

• Excellence in Teaching Search Committee: Senator Trowbridge will update as information becomes available to the student body.

• Dean Search Committees: there are currently two dean search committees, each with an appointed SGA representative. More information will be available as it becomes available to the student body.

• Library: a great meeting with Snell to talk about the upcoming renovations to the first floor of the library as well as discussion on a number of student concerns. The renovations to the first floor were released to the student body during the Budget Priorities presentation. We focused on how to make the transition from pre-renovation, renovation to post-renovation easier for the students and are looking at ways to make this a smooth transition as possible.

Scheduled Meetings:

• Meetings with Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Bruce Ronkin: as needed
• Meetings with Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Mary Loeffelholz: as needed
• Meetings with Vice Provost for Honors and First Year Programs Susan Powers Lee: as needed
• Meetings with Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning Susan Ambrose: as needed
• Meetings with Lesley Milner and Tom Urell of Snell Library: as needed
• Meetings with VP MacCormack and Information Services: as needed
• Meetings with the Deans of each college: as needed
• Meetings with Department Chairs: as needed
• Faculty Senate: Bimonthly
• University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: 2nd Thursday of Every Month