

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXI-M1
on adjustment to motion on transfer credits

1. Motion presenter: Scott Smith, chair, Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 10/10/2016, 10/24/2016

3. **Rationale:** Last year, the Faculty Senate voted on a motion to raise the number of credits it would accept in transfer from 64 credits to 72 credits. The motion (Motion #XX-M29, enacted on May 13, 2016) read: “**UNH change its policy on transfer credit and allow up to 72 credits from two-year schools in transfer.**” This language, combined with a statement in the rationale, “all credits for college-level courses required for completion of the Associates Degree program be accepted in transfer,” has had an unintended consequence, namely, that the registrar’s office would be forced to investigate specific degree requirements for each program at each institution to determine which of the students’ courses were taken specifically for the degree. This would lead to a cumbersome and expensive process.

In consultation with the Head Registrar, Andy Colby, and university administration, we propose a simple change in language, one that would neither change current practice of ensuring the *bona fides* of incoming students nor lower the standards of the university. The change is aimed at allowing the Registrar to enact the Faculty Senate’s will without undue burden or expense. The Academic Affairs committee deliberated on this new motion on September 23, 2016, and voted to accept it, 13-0, with no abstentions.

4. **Motion: That UNH policy on transfer credit be that up to 72 credits within an associate degree program would be allowed to transfer, provided that the courses are college level and that the student has earned a C or better in those courses.**

5. **Senate action: The motion passed with 62 votes in favor, no votes against, and 1 abstention.**

6. Senate chair’s signature: 

Forwarded to the following on *October 28, 2016*

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