UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION #XXI-M12
motion on guidelines and criteria for UNH/private ventures

1. Motion presenter: William Berndtson, representing the Campus Planning Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 5/1/2017, 5/8/2017

3. Rationale: In 2012 the Faculty Senate approved Motion #XVII-M6 on guidelines for public/private ventures, requesting that the University administration create a set of guidelines and criteria, under which such a partnership would be considered. Such guidelines and criteria have yet to be created or adopted. Therefore,

4. Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate calls on the University administration to adopt the following guidelines for UNH/private ventures:

   1. Because the physical campus and its natural areas are important resources that support UNH’s mission as a land-grant university, and given the roles and responsibilities of the faculty related to academic programs under the principles of shared governance, the administration should report to the appropriate committee of the Faculty Senate periodically (at least annually) about any UNH – Private Ventures which it is considering.

   2. Such ventures should clearly and directly enhance the mission and core values of UNH.

   3. Ventures that involve collaborative research agreements should include terms to prevent conflict of interest while respecting the importance of communicating research findings for the public good. Precautions should also be implemented to ensure the integrity of such research, particularly where the private company, University and/or its researchers have a financial interest in the outcome of that research.

   4. Potential benefits and adverse impacts of the partnership on the local municipality must be addressed.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 62 votes in favor, 0 votes opposed, and 0 abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature: D. Sca

Forwarded to the following on May 9, 2017
President Mark Huddleston
Provost Nancy Targett
P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
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1 UNH campus sites designated for potential UNH/private ventures are identified on page 13 of the Campus Master Plan: https://www.unh.edu/facilities/cmp