

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION #XXII-M14

Resolution concerning The Thompson School of Applied Sciences and Agriculture (TSAS)

1. Presenter: Lori Hopkins, representing the Agenda Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/30/2018, 5/7/2018

WHEREAS, UNH announced March 9, 2018 that it would close four two-year programs in TSAS after the 2018-19 academic year, including horticulture technology, culinary arts and nutrition, civil technology and integrated agriculture management; and

WHEREAS, TSAS faculty were caught off guard by the sudden announcement of the closings, and were not meaningfully included in final decisions that negatively affected both faculty and students who are directly invested in the academic programs; and

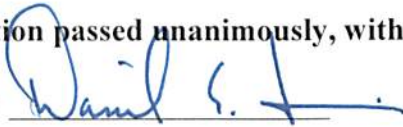
WHEREAS, as a result of this chain of events, faculty are concerned that other long-term strategic decisions may likewise lead to sudden closings of academic programs, and, moreover, are concerned that decisions like these gravely affect the morale of the university community; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the administration did not follow the procedures laid out in 14.4.1-4, "Programmatic Displacement/Termination," of the AAUP Tenure Track Collective Bargaining Agreement 2015-2020: Now,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate urges the University administration to develop and make clear to the faculty their policies and procedures for the closing or significant alteration of any academic programs. Such actions should involve both transparency as well as close and meaningful consultation with the faculty, under the agreement of shared governance, and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage future sessions of the Faculty Senate to continue to be particularly vigilant in working with the administration.

3. Senate action: The motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions.

4. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to the following on May 22, 2018

President Mark Huddleston

Wayne Jones, Interim Provost

P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Mike Carter, AAUP-UNH President

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All department chairs