UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXIV- M13
On expanding the scope of the Special Procedural Rule for
Extraordinary Electronic Meetings
of the University of New Hampshire Faculty Senate

1. Motion presenter: Jim Connell on behalf of the Agenda Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion: 04/20/20

3. Rationale: The novel coronavirus pandemic that has engulfed the world, the nation and the University of New Hampshire brings with it unique challenges. Acting under Article 6, Section a., second paragraph of the Faculty Senate Constitution, the Agenda Committee adopted an extraordinary procedural rule to commence electronic meetings (MOTION # XXIV – M9), which was unanimously ratified at the first such Senate meeting. In the spirit of Article 6, Section a., the motion states, “Actions of the Senate during this time of crisis shall be limited to those that are exigent or relate directly to the crisis,” leaving it to the Senate’s discretion to expand that scope.

4. Motion: The Faculty Senate may take any or all action under the Special Procedural Rule for Extraordinary Electronic Meetings of the University of New Hampshire Faculty Senate (MOTION # XXIV – M9) as it would when meeting in normal session, notwithstanding item 2) of the said motion.

5. Senate Action: The motion passed with 54 in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstention.

6. Senate chair’s signature: 

   David Bachrach

Forwarded to the following on May 26, 2020
   President Jim Dean
   Wayne Jones, Provost
   P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs