

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXIII-M9
on need for a test proctoring facility and other resources

1. Motion Presenter: Harriet Fertik on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion: 11/5/2018, 11/26/2018

3. Rationale: UNH is currently not fully meeting the needs of the 1300–1400 students who require accommodations in order to progress and excel in their academic work. One pressing need includes better facilities and staff support for students who require specific conditions to complete exams, such as extra time, extra equipment, or freedom from distraction. Faculty members, especially in large courses, routinely encounter difficulties in securing space or administering and proctoring exams outside of class time. Dean Kirkpatrick has been tasked with addressing these challenges. Creating a test proctoring center is a sustainable way to do so. Peer institutions of comparable size (University of Vermont, University of Delaware, etc.) support test proctoring centers and staff to accommodate students who require specific conditions, equipment, and extra time for exams. It will be imperative that this space be designed with a nuanced understanding of the unique challenges confronted by this student population.

4. Motion: The faculty senate urges the administrative leadership to address the growing needs for a test proctoring facility, as well as the associated resources needed for all students requiring accommodations. We strongly recommend drawing upon the expertise of the relevant stake-holders, including SAS, CFAR, Health and Wellness, as well as faculty, in meeting the needs of these students.

5. Senate action: The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to the following on December 12, 2018

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