

**University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate
Resolution AY2015/2016.4**

Honoring Graduate School Dean Harry Richards

WHEREAS, Dean Harry Richards has served the University of New Hampshire for 37 years; and,

WHEREAS, Harry Richards has served as Dean of the Graduate School for 15 years, making him the longest serving Graduate Dean in the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards has been a leader in graduate education at the regional level, as past president of the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards has been a leader in graduate education at the national level, as past member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Graduate Schools; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his service and extremely rigorous work schedule, Dean Richards maintained a family-first attitude, being a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards is both capable and humble, exhibited by his willingness to work hard on everything from strategic planning to ‘grunt work;’ and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards was an early adopter of the Preparing Future Faculty and Preparing Future Professionals programs that have broadened students’ graduate education; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards was a strong supporter of academic and research integrity, particularly through his work with the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Committee and RCR programming for graduate students; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards was a strong supporter of inclusive excellence, noted through for example hiring diverse staff and supporting their pursuits of inclusive excellence, creating a supportive environment in the Graduate School, and his work with Native Americans and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards has left a legacy of professional staff who have been able to grow personally and professionally due to his commitment, dedication, and encouragement to them; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards has been a strong champion of faculty governance and student leadership and government; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards upheld the ideal that his work was about the graduate students, and as such he promoted a culture of service; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Richards has been a crucial champion for graduate students, sincerely and fiercely focused on the personal and professional welfare of graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the UNH Graduate Student Senate recognized that the time of retirement is a suitable moment at which to acknowledge said service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UNH Graduate Student Senate, on behalf of all UNH graduate students, hereby extends to Harry Richards its heartfelt thanks for his years of dedicated service, extends its best wishes for many long, healthy, and rewarding years to come.