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Office of the Student Body President

On Recent Cuts to Lecturer Positions in the College of Liberal Arts

Durham, NH– The Office of the Student Body President would like to express its concern about the decision to not renew the contracts of 18 lecturers at the University for Fall 2018. With the information we have gathered, there seems to be a lack of transparency on the part of the Administration concerning the process and reasoning for terminating these lecturers. We ask that the University provide the lecturers and their students with more information surrounding their termination. There currently have been mixed messages regarding to what degree these cuts were based budget deficits or lack of credentials, and how the programming these faculty provided will be affected.

Under any circumstance, regardless of the reasoning for their termination, informing a faculty member about a contract not being renewed for the next academic year less than 2 weeks before the last semester they will be teaching at the institution is irresponsible, especially with a collective bargaining agreement not yet having been reached with lecturer’s union, UNH Lecturers United-AAUP.

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These faculty who have dedicated themselves to this institution and their students deserve better than that. Further, with the University expressing its dedication to diversity and inclusion, not renewing contracts of faculty in some of the most diverse departments on campus seems contradictory to that message.

We are deeply concerned about the potential impact these cuts will have on students' education. Many of these lecturers were loved and highly regarded by students and peers, and them not returning is a loss for this institution and most importantly its students. UNH is an institution of higher education whose top priority should always be to further students' learning and to help them succeed. Currently, it is unclear how these cuts will advance those goals. We hope the institution will provide more clarity and transparency surrounding these cuts, and work tirelessly to ensure our educational programming won't suffer.

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