UNH Faculty Senate  
Motion # IX-M1  
Student Observer to Faculty Senate

1. Sponsoring committee: Agenda Committee  
2. Motion Presenter: Ed Hinson  
3. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: September 13, 2004  
4. Motion:

The Agenda Committee moved a motion to the Faculty Senate for its consideration that, to facilitate communication between the Faculty Senate and Student Senate in the spirit of shared governance, the Faculty Senate wishes to invite a student observer appointed by the Student Senate to attend the Faculty Senate meetings.

5. Rationale:

The Faculty Senate chair had received email from Mark Rubinstein saying that the Student Senate was revising its constitution and would like to include the assurance that student representatives could review proposed changes in academic policy relating to students. Before he responded to the students, he said that he wanted to ask what faculty thought about this; and he gently broached the possibility of a student representative or liaison to the Faculty Senate or to committees of the Faculty Senate. The Agenda Committee notes that the Faculty Senate’s Task Force on Academic Expectations and Student Behavior has recommended greater connections between students and faculty.

6. Senate Action: passed, on September 13, 2004

Vote: a voice vote, with 6 opposed and 4 abstentions

Senate Chair’s signature: [signature]

Forwarded to: President Ann Hart, on 9-13, 2004
Forwarded to: Bruce Mallory, on 9-13, 2004
Forwarded to: Mark Rubinstein, on 9-13, 2004
Forwarded to: Student Body President, on 9-13, 2004
Forwarded to: Ed Hinson, on 9-13, 2004