

UNH Faculty Senate
Motion # X-M9
University Institute Course Approval Motion

1. Sponsoring committee: Academic Affairs Committee
2. Motion presenter: Bill Stine
3. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 5/1/06
4. Rationale:

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate notes the lack of a formal University Institute course approval policy. Having studied both the UNH policy defining University Institutes and the EOS proposal to become a University Institute, we have concluded that:

- It is unclear exactly what the composition of the EOS University Institute Curriculum Committee will be and how some of the members will be selected.
- Logically, co-listing courses in EOS and departments implies a two-track approval process as practiced at present.
- An unambiguous statement of the approval process should be stated in both the university policy defining University Institutes and the University Institute proposal from EOS.

5. Motion:

The Faculty Senate requests that the Provost's Office revise the university policy and EOS revise its proposal so that

- (1) courses proposed by University Institutes are evaluated and approved by an appropriate degree-awarding department or departments, as well as by the college or colleges and the Graduate School,**
- (2) the evaluation and approval process achieves the same level of checks and balances as those used by departments, and**
- (3) an unambiguous statement of the approval process is included in both the university policy defining University Institutes and the University Institute Proposal from EOS.**

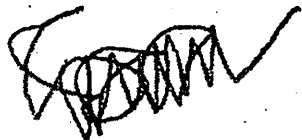
Further, we request that the EOS proposal should be revised to

- (4) clarify what the composition of the EOS University Institute Curriculum Committee will be and how the members will be selected.**

6. Senate action: passed

Vote: unanimous

Senate chair's signature:

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Forwarded to: President Ann Hart, on May 12, 2006

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on May 12, 2006

Forwarded to: Vice President John Aber, on May 12, 2006