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:

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