

UNH Faculty Senate
Motion # XI-M1
Motion One on Work to Rule

1. Sponsoring committee: Agenda Committee
2. Motion presenter: Jeff Salloway
3. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 10/30/06
4. Rationale:

The Agenda Committee voted unanimously that the Faculty Senate should meet on October 30 to discuss work to rule and that the Agenda Committee at that time and with prior notice to the senators should present to the Faculty Senate the following motion.

5. Motion:

The Faculty Senate adheres to those principles of shared governance agreed upon by the Faculty Senate and the UNH administration and delineated in the motion passed by the Faculty Senate on December 12, 2005. That motion said in part that:

“The Faculty Senate is the legislative body that reviews and develops policy concerned with the academic mission of the university. On behalf of the faculty of the University of New Hampshire, the Faculty Senate reaffirms that the central activities of the university are and must be teaching, learning, research, artistry, and outreach. ...

The Faculty Senate reaffirms as well its commitment to the principle that the faculty has primary responsibility for curriculum, subject matter, methods of instruction, research, artistry, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process. On these matters, the power of review or final decision lodged in the governing board, or delegated by it to the president, or delegated by the president to other administrative officers should be exercised adversely to the reasoned view of the faculty only in exceptional circumstances and for reasons communicated to the faculty.

We commend the statements... the UNH president has made regarding the importance of giving the faculty its central voice in matters pertaining to teaching, learning, research, artistry, and outreach, the setting of academic goals and priorities, the allocation of resources, and the recruitment of administrative officers. We expect the principles enunciated by the president to be followed by administrative officers at all levels so as to give the faculty its central voice in these matters....”

The Faculty Senate will take no decisions and no actions during this period of work to rule, and the Faculty Senate expects the university administration to take no decisions and no actions on all those areas over which the faculty has primary or co-equal responsibility. Should such actions be taken, the Faculty Senate will be prepared to take appropriate action including but not limited to motions of censure and no confidence.

6. Senate action: passed

Vote: with 32 ayes, 4 nays, and 4 abstentions

Senate chair's signature:



Forwarded to: President Bonnie Newman, on November 7, 2006

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on November 7, 2006