UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XII-M17

Honors Program Standards

1. Motion presenter: Academic Affairs Committee

2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 5/5/08

3. Rationale:

The senate's Academic Affairs Committee evaluated a proposal from the University Honors Program to raise its standard for student participation from a grade point average of 3.2 to 3.4. Nearly forty percent of undergraduates are now eligible for university honors participation at the 3.2 standard, but only twenty-seven percent would be eligible at the 3.4 standard. Thus if 3.4 is approved, the University Honors Program would maintain the same high standards as in the past. Standards for honors in the major would remain up to the departments' discretion. With the unanimous support of the University Honors Committee and the Academic Standards and Advising Committee, the senate's Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the Faculty Senate pass the following motion.

4. Motion:

that the University Honors Program maintain its academic standards by raising the minimum grade point average for university honors from 3.20 to 3.40.

5. Senate action: passed, unanimously except for one abstention

Senate chair's signature: [Signature]

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on June 13, 2008

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on June 13, 2008

Forwarded to: Interim Vice Provost Lisa MacFarlane, on June 13, 2008

Forwarded to: future Honors Program Director Monica Chiu, on June 13, 2008