

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XII-M8

Research Panel

1. Motion presenter: Jeff Salloway
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 1/28/08
3. Motion:

In as much as the primary resource of the university is the quality of its faculty and in as much as the university does not have at this time a contractual relationship with that faculty, the Faculty Senate states that it will not send a member to the Presidential Blue Ribbon Panel on Research or other such committees and also that the furtherance of the panel's work would be deemed to be a violation of shared governance.

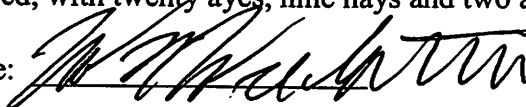
4. Rationale:

A senator suggested that the Faculty Senate could communicate to the president and other administrators that work such as the research panel's proceeding during work to rule and without participation provided by the Faculty Senate will be deemed a violation of shared governance. This would mean that the senate would withdraw even its observer and that the administration would be put on notice that implementation of new policy or plans on academic matters without participation provided by the Faculty Senate could result in a vote of censure or no confidence. Last year the Faculty Senate passed a motion stating in part that:

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.

5. Senate action: passed, with twenty ayes, nine nays and two abstentions

Senate chair's signature:



Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on February 8, 2008

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on February 8, 2008

Forwarded to: Taylor Eighmy, on February 8, 2008