

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XII-M5

Shared Governance for Study Abroad

1. Motion presenter: Larry Prelli, on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 10/22/07 and 11/5/07
3. Motion:

The Office of the Provost should provide a proposal explaining how procedures for shared governance will be incorporated in the process of analysis, review, and implementation of the tuition and fees policy for study abroad programs.

4. Rationale:

This motion is consistent with the intent of the October 8, 2007, Faculty Senate motion (# XII-M3) concerning study abroad fees. That motion states: "The Faculty Senate moves to request that the University Committee on Study Abroad and the program directors of all the UNH-managed Study Abroad Programs be asked to undertake a systematic review of the fee structure changes in Study Abroad Programs, in collaboration with the appropriate administrators at both the college and university level, and to come up with recommendations regarding the impact and advisability of such changes." Thus, the present motion invites further articulation and clarification of procedures of shared governance within this review process. The present motion also is timely in view of the recent administrative decision to view the now current policy on tuition and fees for managed study abroad programs as an experiment that will be reassessed after the present three-year trial period, which currently is in its second year. An integral part of this experiment is the identification and evaluation of procedures for effective shared governance. Finally, the motion calls for collaborative action between the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Senate to further clarify and strengthen the procedures of shared governance. Today's first motion offers a procedural guideline for implementing the principles of faculty governance as articulated in the senate motion of December 12, 2005. With this second motion, the senate invites the Office of the Provost to join us in dialogue about shared governance, as that office formulates its proposal. The Academic Affairs Committee report put the ultimate objective of this second motion in this way: "Ultimately, our aim is to arrive at a proposal that will serve as a useful heuristic model (not a rigid template) for a mutually-held view of procedures involving 'shared governance.'"

5. Senate action: passed, with thirty-seven ayes, no nays, and two abstentions

Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on Nov. 20, 2007

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on Nov. 20, 2007

Forwarded to: Claire Malarte Feldman, on Nov. 20, 2007