

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIII-M19

on an academic calendar with equal semesters

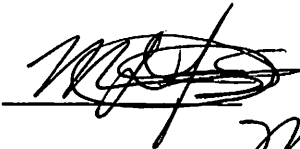
1. Motion presenter: David Richman
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/6/09 and 4/27/09
3. Rationale:

The chair of the senate's Student Affairs Committee said that this motion does not mention a January term and that the committee has determined that the senate cannot consider a motion on a January term until the senate has received the answers to the questions it sent to the administration, about that issue. The motion would equalize the semesters, starting in the 2009/2010 academic year, and does not specify whether the extra week in the spring semester would be removed from the beginning or the end of the semester. The senate chair said that the senate previously approved five years of academic calendars, of which four years remain.

4. Motion:

We move to change the existing UNH academic year calendar, to shorten the second semester by one week so that both fall and spring semesters consist of fourteen weeks each. The senate will review the outcomes of this change in 2013, to determine if additional adjustments in the academic year calendar would be beneficial in meeting UNH's academic goals."

5. Senate action: passed with twenty-nine ayes, two nays and no abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on May 6, 2009

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on May 6, 2009

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, on May 6, 2009

Forwarded to: Kathryn Forbes, on May 6, 2009