

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIV-M2

on January-Term Course Evaluations

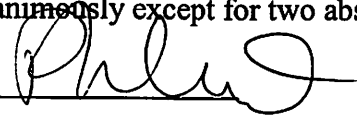
1. Motion presenter: Larry Prelli
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 10/19/09
3. Rationale:

This motion would expedite the on-line review process for J-term while leaving opportunity for more careful consideration of this process thereafter. This motion would enable (1) the J-term experiment to proceed with minimum confusion in view of difficult time constraints, (2) Institutional Research to design with care an approach to on-line administration of course evaluations in the future, and (3) senate consideration of that design before the 2010 summer session. The motion refers only to the procedure for and not the content of the course evaluations. A senate committee will consider the wider issues this spring. Also, the current motion refers only to course evaluations for on-line and hybrid courses. Thus, if a course has an on-line portion, the evaluation could be on line. Erik Swartz said that he is chairing a committee formed by the senior vice provost, to deal with the issue covered by this motion. He said that the administration has arranged for a separate section in Blackboard to be created, which would not be accessible by the instructor. However, the return rate is much lower for on-line evaluations, and some of the questions are not applicable. Several reminders should be sent to the students, regarding the on-line evaluations.

4. Motion:

The Faculty Senate endorses use of the 2009 summer system of administering on-line course evaluations for on-line and hybrid courses at the conclusion of the January, 2010, term with the expectation that Institutional Research will submit a proposal for Faculty Senate consideration by March 1, setting out on-line evaluation procedures for use during the 2010 and subsequent summer sessions and during the 2011 and subsequent January terms.

5. Senate action: passed unanimously except for two abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on Oct. 27, 2009

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on Oct. 27, 2009

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, on Oct. 27, 2009

Forwarded to: John Kraus, on Oct. 27, 2009