

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XV-M8

on Library Committee purview wording in the senate constitution

1. Motion presenter: Gary Weisman
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 2/28/2011 and 4/4/2011
3. **Rationale:** The current description in the senate constitution is: "The Library Committee will concern itself with matters pertaining to the university library and information technology." However, prior to 11/17/2008, the description in the constitution was "The Library Committee will concern itself with matters pertaining to the university library." On that date, the Faculty Senate voted unanimously in favor of a motion "that matters pertaining to information technology be added to the committee's purview and that a member of the Library Committee serve each year on the Steering Committee for Information Technology (SCIT)". The current Library Committee is in agreement with the 2008 Library Committee, which in its rationale for the 2008 motion, stated that "Given the increasing integration of information technology and library services and the vital interest faculty have in technological decisions at the institutional level, the Library Committee recommends that information technology be added to the Library Committee's purview...." This year with the establishment of a new Information Technology Committee of the Faculty Senate, there was discussion of either going back to the pre-2008 description or leaving the description unchanged, with the Agenda Committee assigning charges to the new IT Committee, the Library Committee, or both as appropriate. The current Library Committee and the library faculty prefer the wording introduced in today's motion, to ensure that future Faculty Senate Library Committees have some oversight of IT matters which impact the library and its mission.
4. **Motion:** The description of the purview of the Library Committee in the Faculty Senate Constitution should be: "The Library Committee will concern itself with matters pertaining to the university library, including information technology as it pertains to the mission of the university library."
5. Senate action: passed unanimously with thirty ayes, no nays and two abstentions.
6. Senate chair's signature: Edmund K. Hui

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on, April 26, 2011

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on April 26, 2011

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, April 26, 2011