

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XV-M1

on NAVITAS implementation

1. Motion presenter: Marco Dorfsman
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 8/30/2010, 9/13/2010, and 9/27/2010
3. Rationale:

Many faculty worked on the strategic plan, and one of the sections of that plan is internationalization. International students are poorly represented at UNH, since there are only about 30 or 40 out of 1100 undergraduates. NAVITAS is large and has a number of pathway programs into universities. Although there has been a history of difficulties with international recruiting, NAVITAS has a history of successfully handling these matters with integrity. UNH appointed a task force to investigate the possibility of a partnership with NAVITAS, and that Task Force did extensive work and made a report which was included in the materials sent to the senators. Members of the task force visited Simon Fraser University which has a partnership with NAVITAS and discussed that program with many people there. After exhaustive research, interviews with individuals involved in various NAVITAS programs all over the world, review of tracking data for students in various programs, a site visit to the Fraser International Institute which is the NAVITAS pathway program at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver in British Columbia, review of financial documents, review of templates for potential contracts, and extensive discussions, the task force recommended to President Huddleston that UNH pursue negotiations to develop the partnership. The Faculty Senate has discussed NAVITAS implementation concerns at a number of meetings.

4. Motion:

The Faculty Senate recommends pursuing a NAVITAS-UNH partnership to create an international pathways program at UNH. During implementation of the pathways program, particular attention must be placed on the following:

- Integration of the international students into college community and campus life must be a top priority. The program will implement UNH specific pre-orientation experiences to its pathways curriculum.
- In the governance structure of the partnership, one of the members of the NAVITAS-UNH Academic Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Faculty Senate, in consultation with the Provost's Office.
- The faculty will be involved in developing the guidelines for distribution of royalties. The main priorities are: (1) covering partnership expenses, (2) paying participating departments for their involvement, (3) supporting university internationalization initiatives like internationalizing the curriculum, and (4) fomenting economic diversity in international matters.

- There needs to be a careful review of the feasibility of completion of the proposed curriculum for the various participating programs within four years. Departments will be involved when the university reviews recruiting materials.
- A full review of the program will take place after five years. The Faculty Senate needs assurances that the quality of both the students and the programs will meet the standards we set forth.

5. Senate action: passed with two nays and no abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: Edward K. Hines

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on Oct. 26, 2010

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on Oct. 26, 2010

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on Oct. 26, 2010

Forwarded to: Kathy Forbes, Registrar, on Oct. 26, 2010

Forwarded to: Robert McGann, Director of Admissions, on Oct. 26, 2010