

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XV-M6

on the approval process for any Institute, School or Center at UNH

1. Motion presenter: Kent Chamberlin

2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 2/14/2011

3. **Rationale:** Neither the Faculty Senate nor members of the faculty were genuinely engaged in the approval process for the UNH Policy on Institutes or the EOS Institute Proposal, despite the major impact that the formation of institutes can have on academics as well as the overall functioning of a research university. In addition, the approval process for the policy and the proposal were never clearly defined. The objective of this motion is to ensure that there is direct faculty involvement in the development and approval of policy and proposals regarding the formation of Schools and Centers.

4. **Motion:** Because of the major impact that Schools and Centers can have on academic programs, the Faculty Senate must be a key player in the development of policy relating to Schools and Centers. The Faculty Senate must be an active participant in the approval process for any Institute, School or Center at UNH. That approval process must be transparent and unambiguous, and all groups involved in the approval process must be explicitly identified.

5. Senate action: passed unanimously with thirty-five ayes.

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

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on, March 16, 2011

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on March 16, 2011

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, March 16, 2011