UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XVI-M21

on changes in faculty status

1. Motion presenter: Willem deVries

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/2/2012 and 4/16/2012

3. Rationale: (see below)

4. Motion:

Whereas it has come to the attention of the Faculty Senate that upon occasion tenured faculty have come to be without a fixed assignment to a full-fledged department or, at UNH-Manchester, division within a college of the university, and whereas such an extraordinary position engenders enduring and manifold difficulties for all concerned, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate endorses as a principle and recommends as university policy that every tenured or tenure-track member of the faculty have clear assignment to one (or, in the case of joint appointments, more) department(s), division(s) and college(s) in the university and that the fundamental rights and duties conferred by membership in a department cannot be curtailed or abridged. Where due-process grievance procedures result in special adjustments to the assignment of responsibilities of a tenure-track faculty member and his or her department, nothing in that agreement will abridge the basic rights and duties involved in participation in the department. The university should seek stringently to avoid entering into any agreements that violate this principle.

5. Senate action: passed unanimously.

6. Senate chair’s signature: D. J. Pul

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on 4/24/2012

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on 4/24/2012

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on 4/24/2012