

UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION # XVII-M13

on departmental review for substantial changes in mode or time for courses

1. Motion presenter: Michael Ferber
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 3/18/2013
3. Rationale: (See below.)
4. Motion: On April 16, 2012, the Faculty Senate passed a motion that included this clause: "We ask all departments that have not yet done so to hold discussions in which the value of e-courses and their role in department curricula are thoroughly considered." A letter was sent by the chair of the Faculty Senate this fall to all department chairs, asking for such discussions. We now add that in their discussions departments should consider any course that changes its mode, from face-to-face to largely or entirely online, to be a "new" course, that is, sufficiently different to warrant a review. The same consideration should apply to courses substantially compressed in time. Such courses that have already been taught but without departmental review should not be taken as "grandfathered" in. (We do not intend that such changed courses must be taken as new as a catalog listing and thus trigger the normal approval process at the college level. The review we urge is intra-departmental.) We move that a letter be sent to all chairs to this effect.
5. Senate action: passed with all ayes except for one nay.
6. Senate chair's signature:

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on April 2, 2013

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on April 2, 2013

Forwarded to: Chairs of Academic Departments, on April 2, 2013 on email