

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XVI-M23

on the proposed Policy on Interdisciplinary Schools

1. Motion presenter: Deb Kinghorn
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/30/2012 and 5/7/2012
3. Rationale: (See the first paragraph below.)
4. Motion:

The Faculty Senate accepts with gratitude the report of the University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee on the proposed Policy on Interdisciplinary Schools at UNH from the Office of the Provost, April 9, 2012, presented by committee Chair Christina Bellinger on April 30, 2012. UCAPC flags important concerns and issues, insufficiently addressed by the policy on interdisciplinary schools, that should be addressed in any proposal for an interdisciplinary school.

The senate resolves that the policy governing any proposal for a school and the proposals for the schools themselves must address UCAPC's concerns and issues as conditions for approval. Those conditions include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Any school proposal must include clear, transparent, and thorough budget models in support of statements that address concerns and issues elucidated in the UCAPC report (Part 1.II, para. 3; Part 1.III.C entire; Part 1.III.D entire; Part 2.B, para. 2; Part 2.C entire).**
- (2) Any school proposal containing graduate degree programs must make explicit the "division of graduate degree administration between a school and the Graduate School" while retaining the oversight authority of the Graduate Dean and the Graduate Council (Part 1.II, para 2).**
- (3) Any school proposal must contain an explicit statement that maintains "the oversight roles of existing College and University review bodies in addition to the School's Advisory Council" (Part 1.III.E).**
- (4) Any school proposal must contain an explicit statement of the school's location within the university's administrative structure, that also explains how its location within or among other administrative units (e.g., colleges, central administrative unit, institutes) will enable furtherance of the school's goals (Part 1.III.B, para 1).**
- (5) Any schools should, in view of the concerns raised in the UCAPC report (Part 1.II, para. 1), be located only in colleges or institutes, not in administrative units such as Academic Affairs or the Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Research.**

(6) Any school proposal must pursue hires according to “the current principles and practices, whereby new positions are the product of consultation between the Departments and Deans, and approved by the Provost” (Part 2.A., para. 2).

The Faculty Senate further resolves that any proposal forwarded to the Faculty Senate or its committees, including UCAPC, must contain in addition to items cited in condition (1) the budgetary details called for in senate motion XVI-M17 on budgetary details and that cluster hires cease until a requisite hiring policy is in place as called for in the motion XVI-M19 on that matter on April 30, 2012.

The Faculty Senate further moves that any section of the collective bargaining contract is presumed in effect, without need for explicit statement, but that any details that may give rise to conflict about the document’s meaning get resolved prior to submission of a proposal (e.g., the nature and extent to which MOUs are used).

5. Senate action: passed unanimously.

6. Senate chair’s signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on 5-30-2012

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on 5-30-2012

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on 5-30-2012

Forwarded to: the college deans and the director of the Thompson School, on 5-30-2012