

UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION # XVII-M4

on military credit

1. Motion presenter: Barbara White on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 11/5/2012
3. Rationale: (See below.)
4. Motion:

Whereas, presently, when evaluating military training and experience, UNH has a policy of accepting up to 32 credits of military coursework that accords with “upper division” ACE (American Council on Education) credit guidelines,<sup>1</sup> and this precludes any “lower division” courses (per ACE guidelines) from being accepted for UNH course credit,<sup>2</sup> and whereas ACE requests institutions of higher education to “*give more thoughtful and detailed consideration to military coursework,*” and whereas the trend in higher education has been to be more flexible in granting credit for military training and experience with ACE guidelines, and whereas UNH supports the goals of enabling servicemembers to earn accredited degrees in a maximally convenient fashion under difficult circumstances, and whereas the Thompson School will be applying for designation as a Servicemembers’ Opportunity College, a consortium of approximately 1900 colleges and universities created in 1972 to provide educational opportunities to servicemembers who, because they frequently moved from place to place, had trouble completing college degrees,<sup>3</sup> be it resolved that UNH henceforth change its policy regarding military course work as follows. The University of New Hampshire will accept up to 32 credits from military courses. Up to 16 of those 32 may come from lower division military courses, which can be applied solely as *elective* credits to the student’s total credit hours. Upper division coursework can be counted towards a major or minor only at the department’s discretion.

<sup>1</sup> Upper division

The content of this type of course usually involves specialization of a theoretical or analytical nature beyond the introductory level. Coursework at the upper division is usually found in the last two years of a baccalaureate program and is commonly numbered 300- or 400- level courses. (ACE guidelines, August 2011, p. 10)

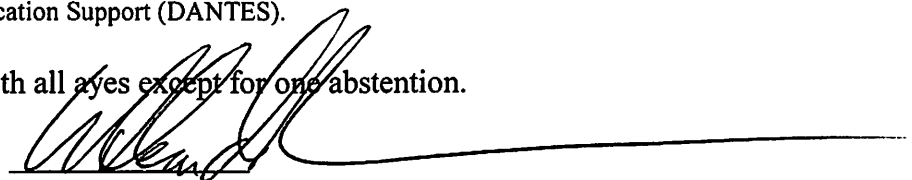
<sup>2</sup> Lower division

This type of course emphasizes learning basic principles that have broad judgmental applications. Coursework at the lower division is typically found in programs leading to an associate degree or in the first two years of a baccalaureate program and is commonly numbered 100- or 200-level courses. (ACE guidelines, August 2011, p. 10)

<sup>3</sup> SOC functions in cooperation with 15 higher education associations, the Department of Defense, and Active and Reserve Components of the Military Services, to expand and improve voluntary postsecondary education opportunities for servicemembers worldwide. SOC is funded by the Department of Defense (DoD) through a contract with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). The contract is managed for DoD by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).

5. Senate action: passed with all ayes except for one abstention.

6. Senate chair’s signature:



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Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on Nov. 27, 2012

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