

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XVIII-M9

on review of the Confucius Institute

1. Motion presenter: Michael Ferber, Academic Affairs Committee Chair
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/14/2014, 4/28/14
3. Rationale: We welcome the recent news from Dean Fuld of COLA that he will appoint a committee of professors and lecturers to review the Confucius Institute and its relationship to UNH. We trust it will be thorough in its range of inquiry, from the source of funds and purposed of the CI in Beijing to the benefits of having the CI staff teach Chinese here. We will cooperate in any way we can with this committee.

We regret, however, that Dean Fuld declines to appoint a joint committee with the Faculty Senate, which we think would more adequately represent the University-wide concerns about the CI as well as the legal basis for its presence here. We also assert the authority of the Senate to review and develop policies concerned with the academic mission of the university as a whole, and we believe the contract with the CI affects that mission. We note, too, that the contract envisages that the CI at UNH will work with the public schools in New Hampshire and Maine, will make contact with business leaders in the region, and the like - matters well beyond the purview of COLA alone.

4. **Motion: Rather than appoint our own committee at this time, the Senate:**
 - (1) Asks the Dean of COLA to make sure that at least two members of its committee are current Senators, appointed in consultation with the chair of the senate, so that they can keep the Senate informed of its work, and
 - (2) Asks that a professor from the Manchester campus be included on the committee, since a CI lecturer teaches there, and
 - (3) Asks that the committee invite the Chair and/or members of the Academic Affairs Committee to present whatever documents it has gathered and questions it has raised, and
 - (4) Charges the Academic Affairs Committee to continue to monitor the CI and the work of the COLA committee, and when its report is made public to review it and report to the Senate.

5. Senate Action: Motion passed unanimously

6. Senate chair's signature: John A. Rice

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on May 7, 2014

Provost Lisa MacFarlane, on May 7, 2014

P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on May 7, 2014

Dean Ken Fuld, on May 7, 2014