

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIX-M15

to accept the report and recommendation from the Joint Panel on Teaching and Learning

1. Motion presenter: Todd DeMitchell, on behalf of the senate Agenda Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 5/4/15
3. **Motion:** that Faculty Senate accept the report of the Joint Panel on Teaching and Learning and endorse the recommendation and three action items.
4. **Rationale:** The Faculty Senate and the Office of the Provost jointly presented a draft charge for the creation of the University Panel on Teaching and Learning at the January 27, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting for discussion. The Panel, with the representation of the Chair of the Faculty Senate on the Coordinating Committee, met over a number of months and presents its recommendations to the Faculty Senate, in summary:

We recommend that the Office of Academic Affairs form a Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning. The Center will be designed to create and encourage the use of evidence-based teaching and learning strategies in a variety of contexts to support a broad range of learners from preschool to graduate education (P-20).

The panel's recommendations are dependent upon three actions:

1. *We recommend that the Provost bring together existing, but separate, resources on teaching and learning under one umbrella to leverage resources, personnel, and efforts.*
 2. *We recommend that the Provost identify a leader/position to chair a university-wide advisory board for the creation of the Center. (Before Provost MacFarlane leaves in July, 2015.*
 3. *We recommend that the core of the center's mission is the creation of a strong culture of innovation and excellence in teaching and learning through the development of structures and activities supporting the pillars of teaching and learning, assessment, scholarship, and engagement with community partners. (2015-2016).*
5. **Senate action:** The senate voted to suspend the rule on laying over substantive motions until the following meeting in order to vote today on this motion. The motion to accept the report and approve the recommendations passed by a vote of 30 in favor, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on September 22, 2015
Interim Provost P.T. Vasudevan, on September 22, 2015
Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Mary Rhiel, on September 22, 2015
All college deans, on September 22, 2015
All department chairs, on September 22, 2015