

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIX-M13

Motion on amendments to faculty senate bylaws to include representation
of non-tenure track faculty on senate

1. Motion presenter: Kerry Kazura, chair of Ad Hoc Committee on CLER Faculty Involvement in the Faculty Senate (Original Motion presented by William deVries)
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 9/22/2014, 10/6/2014, 10/20/2014, 11/3/2014, 11/17/2014, 12/1/2014, 1/26/2015, 2/9/2015, 2/23/15, 3/2/15, 4/13/15, 4/27/15, 5/4/15

3. Rationale:

The shape of the University's faculty has been changing. Increasingly, non-tenure track faculty of various classifications (C^{linical} faculty, C^{ontract} faculty, L^{ecturer}, A^{lternative} Security faculty, E^{xtension} faculty, and R^{esearch} faculty) or CCLEAR faculty join the tenure track faculty to accomplish our academic mission. Since 1996, the voice of the faculty in academic policy making at UNH has been that of the tenure track faculty of the University. In light of the changing composition of the UNH faculty, it is time to reflect our current reality in the constitution of the academic policy-making body of the University.

The national AAUP has released a report calling for greater participation of all faculty in the shared governance structures in higher education,¹ and research has shown that in relation to its comparator institutions, UNH structures its faculty governance body very narrowly. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience spread throughout the faculty of the University. Strong ties and a deep commitment to the University are spread equally across tenure-track and CCLEAR faculty. This knowledge and experience can and should inform University Academic Policy. Furthermore, the educated faculty who execute the University's Academic Policies should also have a voice in setting, and therefore owning, those policies.

The Ad Hoc committee proposes the following changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws. The goal is to make the Faculty Senate more representative of the faculty—all those engaged directly in the teaching and research mission of the University.

4. Motion: The committee recommends the following revisions to the Faculty Senate Bylaws:

These changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws will be incorporated into the Bylaws March 1, 2016.

Revisions to Bylaws

Clause 1A: Remove “tenured”; insert “eligible to serve in the Senate”

¹ “The Inclusion in Governance of Faculty Members Holding Contingent Appointments” is available at <http://www.aaup.org/report/governance-inclusion>.

Clause 2C: Remove “tenured”; insert “eligible to serve in the Senate”

5. Senate action: this motion passed with 32 votes in favor, 1 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature: Alberto B. Manalo

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