

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION #XIX-M5

on accepting proposal to change common exam time during AY15/AY16

1. Motion presenter: Michael Ferber, chair of the senate Academic Affairs Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 10/6/2014, 10/20/2014
3. **Rationale:** In the summer of 2015 the renovation of Hamilton Smith Hall will begin, and it is expected to take two years. During Academic Years 2015 and 2016, therefore, all of its classrooms will be unavailable: seventeen of them, many of them large, with seats for about a thousand students in all. Courses from many departments are given there currently, and most of the classrooms are reserved for tests given during the Common Exam (CE) times, the main ones now Tuesday and Thursday 12:40 to 2:00. Somehow, and somewhere, classrooms must be found to replace those seventeen.
4. **Motion:** The Academic Affairs Committee reluctantly moves that the Senate, pursuant to its power to set the calendar, stipulate that for Academic Years 2016 and 2017 the Common Exam time currently set at Tuesday and Thursday 12:40 to 2:00 PM be moved to Friday 2:10 to 5:00 PM.

This change will obtain for two years only. If the renovation of Hamilton Smith takes longer than that, the Senate will extend the new schedule or modify as it sees fit. Otherwise the Common Exam time will revert to its current slot for AY 2017 unless the Senate explicitly acts otherwise.

We call upon the Deans to convene a meeting soon of department Chairs and administrators to explain the change and its consequences and to adjudicate such questions as what departments will be allowed to preserve the current Common Exam time for their members' meetings.

5. **Senate action:** Motion passed with 35 votes for, 4 votes against, and 2 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: Albert B. Mano

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on 11/4/2014
Provost Lisa MacFarlane, on 11/4/2014
P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on 11/4/2014
All college deans, on 11/4/2014
All department chairs, on 11/4/2014