

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XX-M17

on amending constitution: Agenda Committee members must be tenured

1. Motion presenter: James Connell, on behalf of the Senate Agenda Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 3/21/2016, 4/11/2016

3. Rationale: Unlike UCAPC and the PSC, the Senate Constitution places no requirement beyond Senate membership on the chair, vice-chair and members-at-large of the Agenda Committee. For much the same reason as these permanent committee's membership, this seems unwise, particularly in the case of the chair and vice-chair. As it currently stands, the vice-chair could be un-tenured and *ex-officio* chair of the Professional Standards Committee where the remaining membership requires tenure. The Agenda Committee recommends all members of the Agenda Committee be tenured, again to promote independence.

4. Motion: That Article 5 of the Senate Constitution be amended to read:

Officers of the Faculty Senate. In May of each year, the outgoing Faculty Senate chair will conduct an election, by the members of the Faculty Senate for the following academic year, for a chair, a vice-chair, and three at-large members of the Agenda Committee for one-year terms. Members of the Agenda Committee must be tenured faculty. A slate of candidates will be presented by the out-going Agenda Committee two weeks before the election. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 38 votes in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to the following on April 29, 2016

President Mark Huddleston

Interim Provost P.T. Vasudevan

Mary Rhiel, Interim Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs