

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XX-M14
on amendment to senate constitution, Item 6.c

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: The Faculty Senate makes an unusual distinction between permanent committees and standing committees. These terms are usually synonymous. In the Faculty Senate, standing committees have only senators as members (who are appointed by the Agenda Committee) whereas the permanent committees include non-senators (not all appointed by the Agenda Committee). At this time, the permanent committees are the Professional Standards Committee and UCAPC. The status of the Discovery Committee is rather ill-defined; the Agenda Committee recommends bringing it into this category.

Both professional standards and UCAPC require members to be tenured (not tenure-track) faculty. Administrators have, in the past, put considerable pressure on members of UCAPC. The situation as regards the PSC is similar. Tenure promotes a degree of independence. The Agenda Committee recommends retaining these requirements.

The charter for UCAPC specify election for most of the members and states that “faculty representatives from each college will be elected by written ballot by the tenured and tenure-track members of the faculty in that college”. Since the Constitution previously specified only tenure-track faculty vote for senators, it followed naturally that the same apply to UCAPC. The Agenda Committee recommends amending the UCAPC charter so that any faculty who vote for senators can now vote for these committee seats.

The Constitution specifies bargaining-unit faculty elect members of the PSC. Any expansion to CCLEAR is a potential bargaining issue involving three unions. That aside, we need to clarify the wording as there are now two groups of tenure-track bargaining-unit faculty.

4. Motion: That the senate constitution, Item 6.c. be amended to read:

Permanent Committees. The Faculty Senate has permanent committees that include non-senators as members.

- 1. The Professional Standards Committee. The Professional Standards Committee will concern itself with matters affecting the welfare of the faculty including academic freedom, promotion, tenure, workload assignments, faculty personnel policy, and professional ethics. This committee has a role established by a collective bargaining agreement relating to termination or severe sanctions placed on faculty members. The Professional Standards Committee will be elected by tenure-track faculty in the AAUP-UNH bargaining-unit by approval ballots in CEPS, COLSA, COLA, CHHS, PCBE, UNH-Manchester, and the Library. All tenured faculty members will automatically be the nominees on their respective ballots. The Faculty Senate will supervise this election. The Professional Standards Committee will have seven directly elected members, one from each of the following: CEPS, COLSA,**

COLA, CHHS, PCBE, UNH-Manchester, and the Library. In addition the vice chair of the Faculty Senate will be the eighth member and the chair of the committee.

- 2. The University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee ("UCAPC") shall function under its Senate Charter.**
- 3. The Discovery Committee.**
- 4. The Faculty Senate may establish other permanent committees by charter.**

5. Senate action: The motion was put to a vote, requiring a two-thirds majority, and passed with 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: Deborah A. Kinghorn

Forwarded to the following on April 29, 2016

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