UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XX-M16

to create subcommittees of senate standing committees

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


3. Rationale: Certain committees (e.g., AAC) are often overloaded. This could, perhaps, vary from year to year, so any approach to addressing the issue should be general and flexible. With the expansion of the Senate associated with the CCLEAR faculty, there will be more senators and, so, more committee members. Simply making all standing committees larger seems pointless and, perhaps counterproductive (it might slow their work). The idea is, instead, to populate overloaded committees with more members and have those committees form sub-committees.

4. Motion: The current Section 5 shall be renumbered as Section 6 and a new Section 5 inserted:

5. Standing Committee Operations

Based upon the anticipated work-load, the Agenda Committee may appoint a larger number of senators to one or more standing committees in the expectation that these larger committees form sub-committees. The chair of the standing committee shall appoint sub-committee chairs and appoint committee members to each sub-committee with due regard to balance among colleges. No committee member shall be a member of more than one sub-committee, except the committee chair, who shall be ex-officio a member of all sub-committees. With committee approval, the chair will apportion committee charges to each sub-committee or to the committee as a whole. The sub-committees will report to the committee, though the committee may specify that a sub-committee report directly to the Senate. In that case, it may be appropriate for the sub-committee chair to present the report.

5. Senate action: The motion was put to voice vote and carried with the majority in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature: Deborah A. Kingson

Forwarded to the following on April 29, 2016
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