

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XX-M25
*on Discovery Review Committee recommendations
to establish oversight authority for Discovery Committee*


1. Motion presenter: Scott Smith, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/25/2016, 5/2/2016
3. **Rationale:** The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the following measure be adopted regarding the Discovery Program, based on the recommendations made by the Discovery Review Committee Report (henceforth "DRCR").

Pursuant to other motions herein, the Discovery Committee should have some oversight, in an advisory capacity, to ensure that the quality of Discovery Courses remains high. The recommendations here make it easier for the Discovery Committee to communicate with departments to maintain appropriate content and rigor in Discovery Courses.

4. **Motion:** Based on DRCR recommendations #6, 8, 10, and 12, the Academic Affairs Committee moves that the Discovery Committee be empowered to:

- a) review all discovery courses for academic standards and inform departments should it judge any to have fallen below reasonable university standards,
- b) track and report to, and discuss with, departments any changes in syllabi and personnel for Inquiry 444 and Inquiry Attribute courses,
- c) track discovery courses that have not been taught during the past three years, and
- d) conduct a category description review of the current eight categories (unchanged; see Faculty Senate Motion #XX-M23) and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate for possible changes to the language in order to clarify the parameters of the categories

5. **Senate action:** The motion passed unanimously with 1 abstention.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to the following on May 13, 2016

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