


UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XX-M21
*on Discovery Review Committee recommendations
to keep writing and quantitative reasoning requirements*

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").

For example, DRCR **recommendations #1 and #2** endorse retaining the Writing and Quantitative Reasoning requirements as is. The Academic Affairs Committee agree that there should be no changes to these requirements at this time, although we urge the Faculty Senate to consider whether ENGL 401 should be the sole purveyor of first-year writing. It may be prudent—and may relieve the English department of its great burden—to pilot a limited program under the aegis of which other units on campus could develop rigorous writing courses for first year students that are content based. This might raise the profile of less visible units on campus, lessen the burden on the English department, and increase the avenues by which students can be introduced to academic writing.

4. Motion: Based on DRCR recommendations #1, 2, the Academic Affairs Committee moves that the writing requirement and quantitative reasoning requirement remain unchanged.

5. Senate action: The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to the following on May 13, 2016

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