

UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION # XX-M5

*on policy for approval of interdisciplinary courses*

1. Motion presenter: Buzz Scherr, on behalf of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 11/9/15, 11/23/15

**3. Rationale:** The agenda committee has been presented with the following issue: what entity provides a second level of faculty approval for a course that does not have a college (or even department) home?

There is currently no policy as to how to handle this kind of circumstance, i.e., to which committee should the courses be sent? The agenda committee recommends that UCAPC be the default committee to which such course approvals should be sent, understanding that another committee may be more appropriate in a particular instance. For example, recently, it made sense for the Discovery Committee to take on the bundle of courses related to the Dual Major in Sustainability as per the UCAPC report approved by the Senate.

Therefore, the Agenda Committee submits the following motion:

**4. Motion: When a course without a college level or departmental home needs approval, UCAPC shall be the default faculty committee to which the course will be sent for approval, recognizing that circumstances may exist where another committee is more appropriate, as determined by the Agenda Committee.**

**5. Senate action: The motion was put to a vote and passed with 40 votes in favor, none opposing, and no abstentions.**

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

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on December 8, 2015

Interim Provost P.T. Vasudevan, on December 8, 2015

Mary Rhiel, Interim Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on Dec. 8, 2015

All college deans, on December 8, 2015

All department chairs, on December 8, 2015