To the University of New Hampshire Facilities Department,

The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire recently passed the attached resolution respectfully requesting that the University of New Hampshire Facilities Department reevaluate certain aspects of the snow removal procedures in order to better benefit students. The Student Senate hopes the Facilities Department is able to consider creating a relevant work-study program and clear routes that are more accessible for accessible students. Each of the suggestions is outlined in the attached resolution.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution XXXVII – 19 An Aid to Accessible Students

Introduced by: Campus Structure Chairperson, Zachary Dumont  
Date: December 6th, 2015

Whereas, in conversing with students registered with the University of New Hampshire Disability Services, and finding that many are late or cannot get to their classes due to the excessive snow and poor clearance of stairs, ramps and pathways, and

Whereas, according to the American Disabilities Act Section 4.5.1 “Ground and floor surfaces along accessible routes and in accessible rooms and spaces including floors, walks, ramps, stairs, and curb ramps, shall be stable, firm, slip-resistant…”, and

Whereas, “People who have difficulty walking or maintaining balance or who use crutches, canes, or walkers, and those with restricted gaits are particularly sensitive to slipping and tripping hazards. For such people, a stable and regular surface is necessary for safe walking, particularly on stairs.”, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of University of New Hampshire, that the University of New Hampshire Facilities Department reevaluate their snow removal procedures so that most, if not all, stairs, ramps, and pathways be treated and cleared prior to the start of each academic day, and

Be it further resolved that the University of New Hampshire Facilities Department reevaluate their snow removal procedures so that these stairs, ramps, and pathways are continuously maintained throughout the months where snow and ice may accumulate, and

Be it further resolved that the University of New Hampshire Facilities Department create a central accessible route that leads from accessible dorms to main academic buildings, which will be cleared first before the start of the day and after each snowfall, and

Be it further resolved that the University of New Hampshire Facilities Department create a work-study program in order to hire students that can assist with snow removal.

Senate Action: Passes Unanimously
Speaker Verification: Gabriel Hoffman

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