To all those whom it concerns,

The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire voted unanimously to pass the attached resolution regarding the extension of North Drive. The Student Senate passed this resolution to demonstrate its intense support for this aspect of the master plan. The students believe that it is currently very difficult to travel across campus where the railroad blocks the way. Accordingly, the students respectfully request that the facilities department investigate an extension of North Drive by means of an underpass with sidewalks.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution XXXVII – 24 Extending North Drive

Introduced by: Haaland Senator, Zachary Dumont, Campus Structure Chairperson, Aaron Scheinman
Date: December 11th, 2015

Whereas, the University of New Hampshire, as reflected in the campus map, has an active railway operated by Pan Am Railways that bisects the Durham campus, and

Whereas, because the railway is private property, it is illegal to cross the railway on foot, thereby inhibiting access between two portions of the campus, and

Whereas, as the campus map reflects, there is no convenient way for an individual interested in accessing the Gables Apartments, Woodsides Apartments, or Parking Lot A due to the railway, and

Whereas, in order to travel from one side of the campus to the other, an individual must proceed down Gables Way, to Main Street, then behind the Whittemore Center Arena to Strafford Ave or in reverse, and

Whereas, the student body has asked in the Student Master Plan to see the construction of a bridge between the Gables and Woodsides Apartments, and

Whereas, current Pan Am Railways regulations prohibit construction of new infrastructure above their railways, and

Whereas, the 2012 Campus Master Plan published by the University of New Hampshire has planned for an extension of North Drive, through Parking Lot A, to an underpass going under the railway and connecting to Strafford Ave thereafter, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to recommend to the University of New Hampshire Facilities Department to investigate an extension of North Drive through Parking Lot A, a construction of an underpass with sidewalks, and a connection to Strafford Ave.

Senate Action: Passes with 2 nays
Speaker Verification: