To those whom it concerns,

The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire recently and unanimously passed a resolution regarding major athletic events that occur over breaks. The students pay significant sums in order to fund these athletic events but often find themselves unable to attend them due to spending breaks off-campus. The Student Senate also notes that low student attendance has many additional consequences such as: “project[ing] a negative image to a national television audience including recruits, prospective students, parents, potential donors, advertisers, and alumni.” For these reasons the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire respectfully requests that the many departments listed below work with the students to develop and implement a strategy that will allow more students to attend athletic events when they are on leave.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution XXXVII – 26 Athletic Events during Breaks

Introduced by: Student Body President, Cameron Cook
Date: January 31st, 2016

Whereas, students play a large role at University of New Hampshire (UNH) intercollegiate athletic events, and

Whereas, some of these major athletic events happen when students are on break, and

Whereas, some of these major events, primarily when they are intercollegiate playoff events, such as the 2014 quarterfinal and semifinal football playoff competitions UNH hosted, cost us large amounts of money to host, and

Whereas, this money comes primarily from students tuition and fees, and

Whereas, many of these competitions are locally or nationally televised, and

Whereas, having low student attendance projects a negative image to a national television audience including recruits, prospective students, parents, potential donors, advertisers, and alumni, and

Whereas, it is a net negative from a perspective regarding revenue to not afford students an opportunity to attend these competitions, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire urge that the following departments: Dining Services, Residential Life, Housing, UNH Police Department, Athletics and the Durham Fire Department, work collaboratively with students to develop a strategy for affording students the opportunity to remain on or return to UNH campus for these competitions.

Senate Action: Passes Unanimously
Speaker Verification: Gabriel Hoffman