To Kathleen Grace Bishop & Kevin Charles

The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire recently passed a resolution respectfully requesting the UNH Department of Health Services to find “more acceptable times and additional rooms for the purpose of vaccinations,” suggesting several potential areas that might serve this purpose. The Student Senate strongly believes that the vaccination measures that the UNH Department of Health Services currently takes are of a great benefit to the student body and should actively be expanded to reach more students.

Respectfully,
Gabriel Hoffman
Speaker of the University of New Hampshire Student Senate
Student Senate Resolution – 9 Increasing Access to Flu Vaccinations on Campus

Introduced by: Campus Structure Chairperson, Zachary Dumont

Date: October 25th, 2015

Whereas, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Durham enrolls over 12,000 undergraduate students and 2,000 graduate students each year, and

Whereas, of these more than 12,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduates students, approximately 7,500 of these students reside in university housing, and

Whereas, these daily close-quarter environments can often lead to close contact with bacteria and viruses that can lead to colds and flus, and

Whereas, these colds and flus cause yearly campus-wide ailments more colloquially known as the “UNH plague,” which can be extremely debilitating, and

Whereas, the “UNH plague” and like flus can easily be fended off with the assistance of the yearly flu vaccine distributed by UNH Health Services, and

Whereas, the flu vaccine is covered by the mandatory fees required to attend UNH thereby requiring no out-of-pocket costs to receive the vaccine, and

Whereas, UNH Health Services has only dedicated two days for vaccinating students during the 2015 fall semester, and

Whereas, the vaccinations have been held in one location, in the Memorial Union Building, on Wednesdays for only six hours of the day, and

Whereas, not everyone has the ability to access the Memorial Union Building and/or the vaccination clinic or schedule a time with Health Services for a vaccination, and

Whereas, approximately 1,600 students were vaccinated out of the 12,000+ members of the student body during the first day of the vaccinations, and

Whereas, students are less likely to become vaccinated if they are unable to attend the event, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to strongly urge the Department of Health Services to find more acceptable times and available rooms for the purpose of vaccinations, and

Be it further resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire that in future academic years Health Services hosts the vaccination event in multiple
populous areas on campus in order to better serve the UNH student body including but not limited to: the Dimond Library, the Memorial Union Building, the Whittemore Center, and the Hamel Recreation Center.

Senate Action: Passes with 1 nay and 3 abstentions
Speaker Verification: