

University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate
Resolution AY2014-2015:3
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A Resolution Expressing Support for the UNH Lecturers' Union

Sponsored by: Ezra Temko, COLA Senator

WHEREAS, the Lecturer Faculty members at the University of New Hampshire are an integral part of the fabric of our university's community; and,

WHEREAS, Lecturer Faculty are integrally involved in bringing excellence to graduate student education; and,

WHEREAS, the number of full-time Lecturer Faculty members at the University of New Hampshire has grown to over 200; and,

WHEREAS, employment conditions for Lecturer Faculty traditionally involve unwarranted hardship and undervalue the contribution of lecturers to realizing the mission of their respective universities; and,

WHEREAS, bringing reasonable professional commitments regarding fairness, clarity, transparency, job security, and inclusion to the role of Faculty Lecturers at the University of New Hampshire will benefit both the working lives of UNH Faculty Lecturers and the quality of education provided on campus; and,

WHEREAS, increasing job security for non-tenure-track faculty contributes to their economic security and academic freedom; and,

WHEREAS, fair treatment of non-tenure-track faculty supports the status of all faculty; and,

WHEREAS, unions are a mechanism to give a group of workers a collective voice, require employers to respect a fair process and make reasonable decisions, and ensure employees may reasonably speak out without fear of undue retaliation; and,

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2014, UNH Lecturers United – AAUP won recognition as the bargaining agent for all full-time lecturers at the University of New Hampshire; and,

WHEREAS, the University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate serves as the official voice for graduate student input into all decisions or policies made by the University that affect graduate students; and,

WHEREAS, the University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate and University of New Hampshire Lecturer Faculty share a common goal of advancing the mission of the University of New Hampshire, the primary purpose of which is “learning: students collaborating with faculty in teaching, research, creative expression, and service¹;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate expresses its appreciation to Lecturer Faculty members for their influential contributions to graduate student education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate expresses its solidarity with UNH Lecturers United - AAUP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate supports fairness, equity, and respect for Lecturer Faculty members and the value they bring to the University to New Hampshire.

¹ <http://unh.edu/president/mission>