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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXVII-M9

**Constitutional Amendment Recognizing the Forthcoming Formation of the
College of Professional Studies**

4/24/2023

1. **Motion presenter:** James Connell on behalf of the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee
2. **Dates of Faculty Senate discussion:** 4/10/2023 and 4/24/2023
3. **Rationale:** Due to the impending July 1, 2023 merger between Granite State College (GSC) and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and the forthcoming establishment of the UNH College of Professional Studies (CPS), the Agenda Committee recommends considering the CPS as 2 separate and distinct departments for elections and Faculty Senate representation. The first being the In-person Division, the second being the Online Division. Senators who hold the job title Online Professional Faculty or Senior Online Professional Faculty will be recognized in a new acronym for non-tenure-track faculty titled COCLEAR. COCLEAR stands for **C**linical, **O**nline Professional, **C**ontract, **L**ecturer, **E**xtension, **A**lternative Security and **R**esearch Faculty.

MOTION:

The second paragraph of Article 2 of the University of New Hampshire Faculty Senate Constitution, which currently reads,

Henceforth we will use the acronym CCLEAR for non-tenure track faculty, which stands for Clinical, Contract, Lecturer, Extension, Alternative Security, and Research.

Is amended by replacement to read,

“Henceforth the acronym COCLEAR shall be used for non-tenure track faculty, which stands for Clinical, Online Professional, Contract, Lecturer, Extension, Alternative Security and Research.”

Further, all instances where the constitution uses the acronym CCLEAR shall be changed to the acronym COCLEAR.

Further, the first sentence of the third paragraph of Article 2 of the University of New Hampshire Faculty Senate Constitution, which currently reads,

For purposes of Faculty Senate membership, the Library, the Thompson School, UNH Manchester, and the School of Law shall be treated in the same way as departments (See Bylaw 4).

Is amended by replacement to read,

“For purposes of Faculty Senate membership, the Library and the School of Law shall be treated in the same way as departments. Effective July 1, 2023, the UNH College of Professional Studies, shall be treated in the same way as two departments, with the first being the Online Division and the second being the In-person Division (formerly UNH-Manchester).”

Further, the third paragraph of Article 2 of the University of New Hampshire Faculty Senate Constitution is amended to add at the end,

“As part of these elections, in the Summer of 2023 exclusively, an election shall be held for the faculty of the Online Division of CPS for Senate representation with the senator(s)-elect becoming senator(s) upon completion of the merger; Upon completion of the merger, Senators elected by UNH-Manchester in March 2023 will carry over as Senators for the In-Person Division of CPS.”

5. **Senate action:** The motion passed Faculty Senate at the April 24, 2023 meeting with 60 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

6. **Senate Chair’s Signature:**

Forwarded to the following on 5/15/2023

President James Dean

Wayne Jones, Provost

Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

All deans and associate deans

All department chairs

Background:

The Granite State College (GSC) and University of New Hampshire’s (UNH) official merger date of July 1, 2023 is fast approaching. As the University prepares for the integration of GSC and UNH-Manchester into the new UNH College of Professional Studies (CPS), Faculty Senate prepares to welcome our new colleagues with the establishment of a Faculty Senate seat(s) for the Online Division of the CPS.

Currently UNH-Manchester is treated as a department under the Faculty Senate Constitution. As UNH-M transitions into the In-Person Division of the CPS, the Agenda Committee recommends considering CPS as two distinct and separate departments, for the sake of representation in Faculty Senate. One being the In-Person Division of CPS (formerly UNH-M) and the second the Online Division of CPS (formerly Granite State College). In Spring 2023, the chair and vice-chair of Faculty Senate engaged in discussions with current GSC and UNH-M faculty to gather their feedback on how they would like to be represented in Faculty Senate, post-merger. UNH-M and GSC faculty agreed that they would like to have unique representation in Senate since their job descriptions and expectations are distinct. Thus, this amendment is in keeping with the desires of UNH-M and GSC faculty.