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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXVII-M5

Membership Plan for Honors College Development and Implementation Committee

1. **Motion Presenter:** Chair Matthew MacManes, on behalf of the Agenda Committee

2. **Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion:** 2/6/2023 and 2/20/2023

3. **Rationale:** To meet the charge associated with the donor’s generous gift, innovative and dynamic educational and pedagogical co-curricular experiences, a committee is needed to guide this work.

4. **Motion:** Faculty Senate endorses the Agenda Committee’s framework for an Honors College joint committee, including the committee’s membership and reporting structure.

5. **Senate Action:** The motion passed with 51 in the affirmative, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.

6. **Senate Chair’s signature:** Matthew D. MacManes  
Digitally signed by Matthew D. MacManes  
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Forwarded to the following on March 23, 2023:

- President James Dean
- Wayne Jones, Provost
- Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- All deans and associate deans
- All department chairs
- Nadine Petty, Chief Diversity Officer
- Barbara White, Interim Faculty Director, Discovery Program

**Background:**

Due to a generous donation, UNH has the opportunity to re-envision an Honors College and transform undergraduate education for our highest achieving students to be implemented for AY 2024-2025. The UNH Hamel Honors and Scholars College (hereafter referred to as the Hamel Honors College) will become a magnet for high-achieving, ambitious, and motivated students who are ready to be innovative contributors to the world around them while they learn their career field. By engaging faculty and students across all fields of study, the Hamel Honors College will be an incubator for new forms of teaching, learning, and research. We expect that the benefits of this investment will not only directly impact the students and faculty in the Honors College but will enable wide-spread pedagogical innovations to reach all students through standard curricular enhancement processes.

Because the work of this committee inherently straddles the boundaries of what is clearly in the domain of faculty (e.g., curriculum) and administration (e.g., financials and implementation), a joint committee with co-equal leadership is required.
Honors Core Committee:

The core committee will be responsible for developing the critical framework for the new Hamel Honors College. Specifically, the committee will develop models of curricular and co-curricular engagement and faculty professional development, amongst other things. The committee may engage with other experts on campus (e.g., Registrar, CEITL, NECHE Liaison, Kim DeReggo). Faculty will be compensated for this work in the summer when it is in excess of contractually obligated workload assignments. During the academic year, service and teaching assignments may be reduced.

Voting members of the Core Committee

Faculty: (n=7)

- One faculty member from each undergraduate-serving college (PCBE, CEPS, CHHS, COLSA, COLA, and CPS). One member will be selected as co-chair. Members will be confirmed by Faculty Senate Leadership after consultation with the Provost, College Dean, and Department Chair due to workload requirement.
- One faculty representative of the Faculty Senate

Students: (n=3)

- Two undergraduate honors students from two different colleges are to be selected by the Student Senate. Student members may include current undergraduate students or a graduate student who is recent alumnus of the UNH honors program. Student members should represent the voice of all students not just the college they belong to.
- One student representative of the Student Senate

University Administrators: (n=3)

- One Dean or Associate Dean nominated by ASAC to represent the interest and expertise of all college-level administrators.
- Catherine Peebles
- SVPAA Ziemer will serve as co-chair