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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXVII-M3

Starting Academic Year 2023-2024, replace the description of E-Terms or Half-Terms with Terms 1-5.

1. Motion presenter: Chair Rosemary Caron, on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 12/12/2022

3. Rationale:

- To align the academic calendar to the use of “Terms” to describe eight-week blocks of time within a semester in which undergraduate and graduate education is conducted.
- This change allows for alignment with federal financial aid regulations and the coordination of student services.
- This change removes the practice of having faculty teach outside of the parameters of their respective collective bargaining agreements.
- This move has been endorsed by the Graduate Council and the Registrar, as well as representatives from graduate programs (e.g., Education, Social Work, Carsey School of Public Policy, and Security Studies).

4. Motion: Starting AY 2023-2024, replace the description of E-Terms or Half-Terms with Terms 1-5. Terms would be defined as eight weeks and there would be five Terms per calendar year. Term 1 would start the first day of Fall semester and Term 3 would start the first day of Spring semester.

5. Senate action: Given the time sensitive nature of the motion, Faculty Senate voted to suspend the rules and vote on the same day the motion was introduced. The motion to suspend the rules passed Faculty Senate with a vote of 38 in the affirmative, 5 opposed and 4 abstentions.

The motion to eliminate the term E-Terms was passed by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, 0 opposed and 7 abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature:

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

Description of Future Actions Needed for Implementation or Operationalization of Motion :

The following changes to the calendar are proposed¹:

- E-Terms² are being renamed. The label for the new calendar intervals will be "Terms" rather than "E-Terms" or "Half-Terms" and they will be numbered consecutively (Term 1, Term 2...Term 5).
- Term 1 will begin on the first day of the Fall semester and Term 3 will begin on the first day of the Spring semester.
- GSC will be using these Terms after merger (moving from 12-week terms to these 8-week terms)
- None of these changes impact J-term or Summer terms (except for Summer Term 5).
- All graduate programs having an online component, plus GSC, are in favor of moving from E-terms to the use of "Terms 1-5". Therefore, E-Terms are obsolete.

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