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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXVI-M23

May 9, 2022

Faculty Senate Constitutional Amendment re: rule for handling nominations to the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee coming from the floor.

1. **Motion presenter:** Faculty Senate Vice Chair Matthew MacManes on behalf of the Agenda Committee
2. **Dates of Faculty Senate discussion:** 05/02/2022 and 05/09/2022
3. **Rationale:** The Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws lack instructions related to procedures that allow for the orderly receipt of nominations for the Agenda Committee Membership which may come during a regular meeting of Faculty Senate. Robert's Rules of Order suggest adopting a rule to allow for an orderly process. As such, the Agenda Committee has developed a set of rules that are consistent with precedent and existing guidance from the Constitution and Bylaws.
4. **Motion:** To amend the Faculty Senate Constitution to provide guidance on Agenda Committee nominations from the floor during a regular meeting of Faculty Senate. The procedures are outlined below:
 1. Guidelines for Nominee Selection
 - a. Senators nominated for Chair or Vice Chair must be tenured faculty, while at-large members may be any sitting senator
 - b. Nominee must be a sitting senator (not a proxy) in the upcoming year
 - c. Willingness of the nominee to serve must be established before nomination.
 2. Definition of Officers
 - a. For the purposes of this document, officers shall be chair, vice-chair, at-large member number 1, at-large member number 2, and at-large member number 3. At-large members proposed in the slate are assigned to specific offices at random.

As per Article 5 of the Senate Constitution, the proposed Agenda Committee - hereafter referred to as the slate shall be presented to the full senate two weeks prior to the last senate meeting. During the first meeting of the incoming senate, the outgoing chair formally offers the slate and asks for nominations from the floor. If a senator meeting the criterion established above (1 a,b,c) is nominated and that nomination is seconded, the outgoing chair will receive the nominations, one by one, starting with the office of the Chair, Vice Chair, and then each of the three at-large offices. Any nomination received will be discussed and voted on in turn, using the normal voting process as specified in the constitution for replacement members on the Agenda Committee. The election will be via majority vote, with the winner needing more than half the votes of those senators present and voting. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election of the two candidates who received the most votes will be held. For any position for which a nomination is not received, the outgoing chair will ask for a motion to close nominations, and the

position will be filled by acclamation. No senator shall be nominated more than once for the same office (i.e., chair, vice chair, at-large office 1, 2, or 3).

5. **Senate action:** The motion passed with 51 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

6. **Senate chair's signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Hooley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Forwarded to the following on 9/30/2022:

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