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UNH FACULTY SENATE
Motion XXVI-M19

**Endorsement of Spring 2022 Report and Recommendations
from Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluations of Teaching**

1. **Motion presenter:** Co-Chair Barbara White, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Evaluations of Teaching
2. **Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion:** 3/28 and 4/11 and 4/25


Rationale: Based on widespread recognition across the university that the current teaching evaluation survey was prone to bias, did not follow current best practices, and was often over emphasized in faculty review for Promotion and Tenure and contract renewals, the UNH Faculty Senate on 2/21/2021 convened a broadly representative committee to investigate and provide the senate with written guidance that defined the role of student surveys of teaching and learning in demonstrating teaching effectiveness for the purpose of annual reviews, renewal, promotion, and tenure decisions. The committee was charged with:

- proposing how student surveys of teaching and learning should interact with other methods for evaluating teaching effectiveness.
- Providing guidance on how evaluation applies across all faculty types.
- Ensuring proposed guidance conforms to current union contract guidelines.
- Producing a new tool to replace the current Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET), along with an implementation plan that is responsive to varying conditions across the university.

After nearly a year of research and deliberations which began in April of 2021, the Ad Hoc committee submitted a report on 2/22/2022 to the Senate Agenda Committee with recommendations. After receiving feedback and suggestions from the Agenda Committee, a revised and updated version of this report was submitted to the Agenda Committee on 2/23/2022

3. **Motion:** Faculty Senate endorses the spring 2022 report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Student Evaluations of Teaching. By endorsing this report and the recommendations therein, Senate hereby approves the Student Experiences of Learning instrument and its further development as described in the report for pilot use; the process for deploying the pilot instrument as outlined in the report; the report's recommendations for how results from the instrument are considered by departments and colleges; the ongoing assessment of instrument performance during the pilot period; and the convening of an Ad Hoc committee in fall 2024 to assess all data and information about the instrument's performance.
4. **Senate action:** The motion was put to a vote on April 11, 2022. The motion passed with 37 in favor, 8 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

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


Kevin Healey

Forwarded to the following on May 11, 2022

President James Dean

Wayne Jones, Provost

Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

All deans and department chairs