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**UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXVI-M18**

3/28/2022

**Faculty Senate Opposes Recommendation to Engage in
Barnes & Noble First Day Complete Program**

1. **Motion presenter:** James Connell on behalf of the Agenda Committee
2. **Dates of Faculty Senate discussion:** 2/21/2022, 3/07/2022 and 3/28/2022
3. **Rationale:** The reasons for engagement in First Day Complete are articulated as follows in the report prepared by Senior Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs Kate Ziemer: Based on (1) the inability to continue First Day by Course because UNH Registrar and Student Business Services cannot continue the manual processing required for First Day by Course, (2) the 9 remaining years of contract with Barnes & Noble as USNH bookstore subcontractors, and (3) the results of the First Day by Course pilot, it is the recommendation of the SVPAA, Business Services, Registrar, and Operations Teams that we engage in Barnes & Noble's First Day Complete program.

The Senate is grateful for SVPAA Kate Ziemer's support, due diligence and responsiveness on First Day Complete. While the Senate is fully supportive of efforts to reduce course materials costs for students, Senators raised an array of concerns. For example, the reduction in student autonomy may, in fact, as opposed to theory, increase the ultimate costs of materials to students. There are also issues of fairness in a single-price-fits-all approach that penalizes some students while benefitting others.

4. **Motion:** Faculty Senate opposes the recommendation from UNH administration to engage in Barnes & Noble's First Day Complete program.
5. **Senate action:** The motion passed with 56 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 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.

Forwarded to the following on 4/12/2022:

President James Dean
Wayne Jones, Provost
Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
All deans and associate deans

All department chairs