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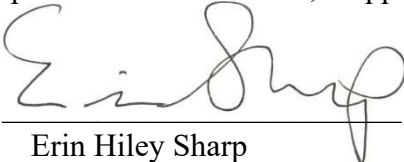
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UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION # XXV – M18  
to continue the suspension of restrictions for online courses  
through COVID-19 Pandemic

1. **Motion presenter:** Lisa MacFarlane on behalf of the Academic Program Committee
2. **Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion:** 02/22/21
3. **Rationale:** As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the academic model for Fall 2021 provides that face to face (F2F) instruction should occur as much as is feasible within the health and safety recommendations. However, the model anticipates a mix of course modalities with some courses offered face to face, some online, or a combination of the two. In light of this model, the Faculty Senate has considered all previous motions on online courses: March 18, 2013 motion to endorse Honors Program policy to not allow online courses March 18, 2013 motion to endorse the moratorium on online courses for Discovery Inquiry and Writing Intensive March 18, 2013 motion on review required for substantial changes in mode or time for courses November 30, 2018 motion to support the offering of online courses designated as writing intensive March 19, 2019 motion on online Inquiry Attribute Courses March 31, 2020 motion to suspend the Faculty Senate rules for online courses for Summer 2020 June 29, 2020 motion to suspend Faculty Senate rules for only courses for Fall 2020 October 5, 2020 motion to suspend Faculty Senate rules for online courses through Summer 2021
4. **Motion:** In order to provide the most flexible model for instruction to meet the health and safety needs of students, faculty, and staff and in order to not impede opportunities for student progress toward graduation during the uncertainties created by COVID-19, the Faculty Senate extends the suspension of all rules related to online courses for Inquiry 444s, Inquiry Labs, Discovery Labs, Honors courses, and Writing Intensive Courses until UNH returns to Green conditions of operation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Faculty Senate requests that the Discovery, University Honors, and Writing Programs monitor the efficacy of on-line courses and provide the Faculty Senate with a report and a recommendation as to eliminating the restriction permanently. The report should be received by the end of September 2021. The Senate has chosen this date because it will allow for any potential changes to the spring 2022 schedule.
5. **Senate Action:** The motion passed with 53 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions

6. **Senate chair's signature:**   
Erin Hiley Sharp

An unsigned version of this motion was forwarded to the following on February 22, 2021:

President James Dean  
Wayne Jones, Provost  
Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
Nicky Gullace, Faculty Directory, Discovery Program  
Catherine Peebles, Director, University Honors Program  
Ed Mueller, Director, University Writing Programs  
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