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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXV – M16
on supporting students as semester concludes

1. **Motion Presenter:** Joseph Dwyer, on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee
2. **Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion:** 12/7/20
3. **Motion:** Whereas the COVID-19 global pandemic continues to disrupt the academic, personal and professional lives of all of us on the UNH campuses and beyond; and whereas students are taking courses in a variety of new and different modalities during this continued challenging and complex time; be it resolved that the Faculty Senate encourages all administrators, faculty and advisors to respond to students in a compassionate, flexible and supportive manner that is respectful of the extraordinarily difficult environment in which we are living. The Faculty Senate acknowledges that these student-centered supports have been in place across our campuses, but as we approach the end of the Fall 2020 semester, the Faculty Senate encourages:
 - Continued consideration of supporting petitions for academic variance (i.e., support students petitioning to late withdrawal from a course if they have significant reason)
 - Continued access to remote and/or in person UNH healthcare resources and counseling (i.e., compassionately, respectfully encouraging students to explore possibilities for supportive healing)
 - Continued responsiveness by faculty to student requests for support.
4. **Senate Action:** The motion passed unanimously with 46 in favor and 4 abstentions.

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

An unsigned version of this motion was forwarded to the following on January 27, 2021

President James Dean
Wayne Jones, Provost
Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Kenneth Holmes, Senior Vice Provost for Student Life
All deans and associate deans
All department chairs