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**UNH FACULTY SENATE**
**MOTION # XXV – M9**
**on Revised Spring 2021 Calendar**

1. **Motion Presenter:** Joe Dwyer, on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee

2. **Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion:** October 5, 2020

3. **Rationale:** UNH is planning for on-campus instruction for the Spring 2021 but with the assumption that UNH will continue to be in a yellow mode of operations since we are still facing the COVID19 global pandemic. The Education Spring Planning Committee was formed, and they developed a recommendation to revise the Spring 2021 academic calendar to start the semester later and eliminate spring break.

4. **Motion:** The Faculty Senate approves the following academic calendar for the Spring 2021 in light of the continued COVID-19 global pandemic:

   - Start and end dates for E Term 3 will remain the same: January 19 through March 12.
   - E Term 3 face-to-face courses will be online until Spring Term starts on February 1.
   - Delay the start of Spring Term by one week and eliminate Spring Break.
   - Maintain 70 class days and an equal number of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday days so not to disrupt classes that meet once a week.
   - Add two, single-day breaks to be determined by the Senate
   - Keep two reading days between the last day of classes and the first day of exams.

   **Revised Spring 2021 Academic Calendar:**
   
   - Monday, February 1 Classes begin
   - Friday, March 19 Mid-semester
   - Tuesday, May 11 Last day of classes
   - Wednesday, May 12 Reading Day or curtailed operations make up day
   - Thursday, May 13 Reading Day
   - Friday, May 14 Final exams begin
   - Thursday, May 20 Final exams end
   - Saturday, May 22 Commencement Ceremony

5. **Senate Action:** The motion passed with 43 in favor, 1 opposed, and 4 abstentions

6. **Senate chair’s signature:** ____________________________

Forwarded to the following on October 21, 2020
- President James Dean
- Wayne Jones, Provost
- Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- Andy Colby, Registrar
- All deans and associate deans
- All department chairs