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**UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXV – M4**

to suspend Faculty Senate rules for online courses for Fall 2020

1. Motion presenter: Kevin Healey, on behalf of the Agenda Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion: 06/29/20

3. **Rationale: Rationale:** As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the academic model for Fall 2020 provides that face to face (F2F) instruction should occur as much as is feasible given health and safety recommendations. However, the model anticipates a mix of course modalities where some courses are totally F2F, some online, and some with rotating attendance for the class with some students F2F and others remote in real time. In light of this model, the Faculty Senate has considered all previous motions on online courses:

-April 2, 2013 motion on Honors Program courses not online

-April 2, 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

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 suspends all rules related to online courses for Inquiry 444s, Inquiry Labs, Discovery Labs, Honors courses, and Writing Intensive Courses for the Fall 2020 semester only.

5. Senate Action: The motion passed unanimously with 60 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.



6. Senate Chair's signature: _____

Erin Hiley Sharp

Forwarded to the following on July 16, 2020

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