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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXV-M1
On changing Common Exam Time for Fall 2020

1. Motion presenter: Erin Sharp, chair of the Faculty Senate
2. Dates of Agenda Committee Discussion: 05/18/20, 06/01/20
3. **Rationale:** UNH is planning for providing face-to-face education to students in Fall 2020 with the highest priority given to the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. These plans require following social distancing recommendations that continue to be in flux. Therefore, more classroom space is needed to schedule courses that offer the greatest opportunity for face-to-face instruction while protecting the health and safety of faculty, staff, and students. Changing the common exam times would free up about 100 classrooms during prime learning hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The motion only addresses the Fall 2020 semester. If UNH needs to consider extending this through the Spring 2021 semester, the full Senate will take that up when during the Fall session.

There is precedent for changing common exam time to accommodate classroom capacity issues. In 2014 the Senate passed two motions that adjusted the common exam time when classroom capacity was a concern due to Ham-Smith renovations:

Motion XIX-M5 supporting changing common exam time 10-20-2014
Motion XIX-M7 on moving evening common exam time 11-17-2014

4. **Motion: Acting under Article 6, Section a., second paragraph of the Faculty Senate Constitution, the Agenda Committee approves for the Fall 2020 Semester that weekly Common Exam Times be moved from the current schedule:**

Tuesday 12:40-2:00 pm
Thursday 12:40-2:00 pm
Thursday 7:10-9:00 pm

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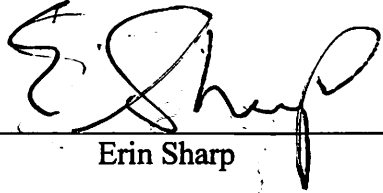
Tuesday 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Friday 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Under normal circumstances, the faculty senate endorses priority given to the exam when there are scheduling conflicts with courses scheduled during common exam time. However, only for Fall 2020 as when Hamilton Smith Hall was undergoing renovation, this motion also provides that for any exam scheduled during these new common exam periods, instructors shall provide a make-up exam time for any student who has a regularly scheduled class or lab during the common exam period.

The Faculty Senate calls upon the Deans to convene a meeting soon of department chairs and administrators to explain the change and its consequences and to adjudicate such questions as to how departments will schedule exams within this new time frame.

5. Agenda Committee action: The motion passed unanimously with 6 in favor and no abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature:



Erin Sharp

Forwarded to the following on June 9, 2020

President Jim Dean
Wayne Jones, Provost
P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Andy Colby, Registrar
All Deans and Associate Deans
All Department Chairs