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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXIV- M14
To Endorse the Office of Student Life's Financial Assistance Funds

1. Motion presenter: Erin Sharp, on behalf of the Agenda Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion: 03/02/20 and 04/20/20
3. Motion: **WHEREAS, a core strategic priority of the University is to Enhance Student Success and Well-being; and**

WHEREAS, there is growing recognition in higher education that financial challenges can negatively impact student success and well-being; Now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate wholeheartedly endorses the two already existing and one newly formed funds administered by the Office of Student Life to provide emergency assistance to UNH undergraduate and graduate students facing financial hardships. These three funds are:

Swipe it Forward: A program for UNH students challenged by food insecurity to request meal swipes for use at all three dining halls or as a Meal to Go or Meal Exchange.

Inn Between: A fund available to UNH students who are challenged with homelessness and can be used to pay for housing at UNH during Thanksgiving, spring break and January Term.

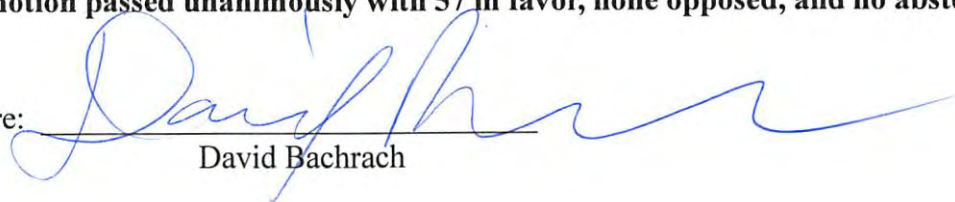
Student Emergency Financial Assistance Fund: A fund designed to provide support for undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled and taking classes at the University and are unable to meet essential expenses due to temporary or unexpected financial hardships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while the Faculty Senate recognizes that these funds are administered and managed by the Office of Student Life, the faculty senate asks that this office use application and decision making processes that are easy for our students to access, are inclusive rather than exclusive, and are transparent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate encourages faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and friends of the University to donate to these funds and endorses communications to UNH employees about how to donate to these funds, in general, and specifically how to donate through payroll deduction processes.

4. Senate Action: The motion passed unanimously with 57 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

5. Senate chair's signature:


David Bachrach

Forwarded to the following on May 26, 2020

President Jim Dean

Wayne Jones, Provost

P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Ted Kirkpatrick, Senior Vice Provost for Student Life and Dean of Students

Debbie Dutton, Vice President, Advancement