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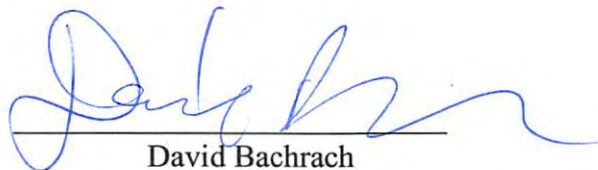
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**UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXIV – M9**

**Special Procedural Rule for Extraordinary Electronic Meetings
of the University of New Hampshire Faculty Senate**

1. Motion presenter: Jim Connell, on behalf of the Agenda Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Discussion: Agenda Committee on 3/18/20 and Faculty Senate on 03/23/20
3. **Rationale:** The novel coronavirus pandemic that has engulfed the world, the nation and the University of New Hampshire brings with it unique challenges. A meeting the size of the UNH Faculty Senate would contravene the latest authoritative guidelines. At the same time, the voice of the faculty must be heard in shared governance during this crisis, particularly on matters involving the academic mission where its voice is held to have primacy. While electronic meetings will diminish the deliberative nature of the Senate, it is infinitely preferable to no meetings and silence.
4. **Motion: Acting under Article 6, Section a., second paragraph of the Faculty Senate Constitution, the Agenda Committee adopts the following extraordinary procedural rule:**
 - 1) **Until such time as face-to-face classes resume at UNH, the Faculty Senate shall meet extraordinarily via electronic means using such software (e.g. Zoom) as the Agenda Committee shall deem most suitable, provided such software is readily available to all members of the Faculty Senate;**
 - 2) **Actions of the Senate during this time of crisis shall be limited to those that are exigent or relate directly to the crisis;**
 - 3) **This motion shall only apply provided it is ratified at the first extraordinary meeting of the Faculty Senate;**
 - 4) **This motion shall be further ratified at the first ordinary meeting of the Faculty Senate when face-to-face classes resume.**
5. **Agenda Committee action: The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions on 03/18/20**
6. **Senate action: The Faculty Senate ratified this motion with unanimous approval and no abstentions on 03/23/20**

7. Senate chair's signature:


David Bachrach

Forwarded to the following on April 2, 2020

President Jim Dean

Wayne Jones, Provost

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