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DURHAM, N.H. – The University of New Hampshire will maintain its Therapeutic Riding Program (TRP) until a full review of its benefits, costs and revenues can be completed.

A working group within UNH’s College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA), which will include a representative of families who benefit from the riding program, will review the TRP and make a recommendation to COLSA Dean Tom Brady by July 1.

According to Brady, the group will be asked to develop a sound financial plan that can assure the continuity of the program in the future. “If such a plan is not feasible, then alternatives including closure will be considered,” Brady explained. “I am committed to the outreach and teaching mission of the college within the very real financial constraints under which COLSA and UNH must operate.” Brady added that the TRP and the Equine Sciences Program, with which the TRP is associated, are particularly expensive programs to maintain and the therapeutic riding program in particular draws few undergraduate majors.

“We hope that there will be a way to serve the needs of individuals in the Seacoast area who benefit from programs such as the Therapeutic Riding Program,” Brady said.

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