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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION #XXII-M15
on study away eligibility

1. Motion presenter: Martha Byam and Joe Onosko, representing the Student Affairs Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/30/2018, 5/7/2018

3. Rationale: Study away has changed considerably since 2004 when the Faculty Senate adopted the current eligibility standards. It is no longer the classic junior year abroad (although those programs certainly still exist).

U.S. Higher Education is increasingly focused on preparing undergraduate students to thrive in a global, multicultural world. According to the Institute of International Education, two-thirds of American students who study away do so on short-term, faculty-led study abroad or study away programs. Studies at other institutions demonstrate that even first-year students can benefit from such programs, often helping to inform their choice of major.

We wish to emphasize that this pilot program is based on the principled belief that all students in good academic standing, defined by the University as a 2.0 GPA, have the right to apply to any program that this University offers. It does not guarantee them admission but it does give them the right to apply and to be considered.

This policy would become effective Spring 2019 and conclude at the end of Spring 2021. Student outcome and program faculty and administrator perception data will be collected for Spring '19, Fall '19, Spring '20, Fall '20, and Spring '21, as well as J-terms and summer sessions that occur within this time period. These data will be reviewed every year by the SAC, with a motion presented to the Faculty Senate in Spring 2021 to either maintain these pilot eligibility criteria, suggest further modifications, or return to current criteria.

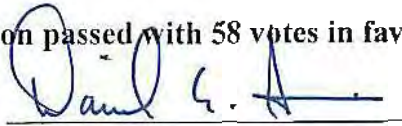
4. Motion: Given that the University of New Hampshire is committed to (a) "internationalization of the curriculum" and "global engagement" (<https://www.unh.edu/global/unh-and-world>) and (b) that study away and study abroad programs are represented in the higher education literature as "high impact learning experiences" that have a positive impact on students' subsequent academic performance (Kuh, 2008), the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) moves that for the next four semesters (starting in January, 2019), plus J terms, '19, '20, '21 and summer terms, '19, and '20:

1. The minimum GPA for UNH faculty-led and managed study abroad and UNH Coordinated study away programs is 2.0 university-wide.
2. For UNH faculty-led and managed study abroad and UNH coordinated study away programs, students can be 'undeclared' and must have at least 12 earned-UNH credits (to establish a GPA).
3. Individual study abroad faculty program directors or the study away coordinator may create additional standards as dictated by the needs of their program(s), including using GPA as a competitive factor or increasing GPA minimum requirements.

4. Outcomes of this four semester pilot program will be monitored and evaluated by the Provost's office or her designee and reviewed by the SAC of the Faculty Senate every spring with a final report due Spring 2021.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 58 votes in favor, 2 votes opposed, and 6 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature:



Forwarded to the following on May 22, 2018:

President Mark Huddleston

Wayne Jones, Interim Provost

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

Kerryellen Vroman, Associate Vice Provost for International Programs

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