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Motions related to calendar items:

- Senate Motion #XXI-M7 on establishing the Thanksgiving break – implemented
- Senate Motion #XXI-M11 on approving the five-year calendar – implemented

Housekeeping motions:

- Senate Motion #XXI-M3 to amend bylaws to update the title of the “Associate Vice President of Facilities and Operations” – implemented
- Senate Motion #XXI-M9 – to amend bylaws to include the newly formed department of Agriculture, Nutrition, & Food Systems as an academic department eligible to elect Senate members – implemented

Motions regarding student rights, rules, and responsibilities:

- Senate motion #XXI-M15 to expand the “leave of absence” policy – implemented
- Senate motion #XXI-M4 to clarify MISA violations which apply to students – implemented
- Senate motion #XXI-M6 to revise the UNH Misconduct Policy – implemented

Motions regarding the academic mission:

- Senate motion #XXI-M17 to support, in principle, a residential honors program – decision is in the provost’s office, no further progress
- Senate motion #XXI-M16 on Writing Program and Committee – NEASC standards/Center for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CEITL) aspects; Agenda Committee charged with reviewing. The Agenda Committee is considering the creation of a charter for the Writing Committee that will codify its structure and function.
- Senate motion #XXI-M10 on the Library budget proposal – the 2% increase for collections secured last year has come up against this year’s budget margin issue, making those funds unavailable to the Library after all. Departments need to be aware that this is likely to impact the availability of library subscriptions to large packages of journals.
- Senate motion #XXI-M4 on the online course assessment questions – implemented
- Senate motion #XXI-M18 on the new teaching assessment process – This motion requires further action from the Agenda Committee and possibly a charge to one or more standing Senate committees to work with the Center for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching (CEITL) to implement the recommendations of the Teaching Evaluation Standards Committee.
- Senate motion #XXI-M1 to allow up to 72 transfer credit hours from 2-year schools – implemented. The registrar has reported that it is too early to tell if there are effects on

enrollments or revenues, or how it is affecting students' experiences either academically or financially.

Miscellaneous:

- Senate motion #XXI-M8 on right-to-know requests – We urged the university to use the narrowest possible definition for these requests. Ron Rodgers, UNH Counsel reports that the administration "continues to take the interests of the Faculty Senate motion seriously, and have adopted a policy that embodies the principles therein."
- Senate motion #XXI-M13 to establish a tobacco-free campus – President Huddleston has seen the motion and recommendations, and has sought additional input from other stakeholders to consider the feasibility of implementing such a policy. It is an ongoing discussion.
- Senate motion #XXI-M2 on the Morin donation – distributed to the administration
- Senate motion #XXI-M5 on inclusion and civil discourse – distributed to the campus community.
- Senate motion #XXI-M12 on the policy for private ventures – Scott said that he is unsure what feedback has been received on this. The chair of the Senate Campus Planning Committee said that this motion is in the provost's office, and that despite one particular sticking point, the administration seems to be taking the Senate's recommendations seriously.