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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XX-M32
on faculty/administration communication on budget actions


1. Motion presenters: Dan Innis, Senate Finance and Administration Committee chair
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/25/2016, 5/2/2016

3. Rationale: The University of New Hampshire has recently revised the Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) budget model. Past revisions of the model were handled through the use of collaborative processes involving administration and faculty. This was often through the former Central Budget Committee, a body that was representative of most areas on campus and served the President in an advisory capacity.

There has been a lack of shared governance with respect to the budget process and the dissolution of the Central Budget Committee is indicative of the degradation of financial communications and transparency. Given the complete lack of community input into the new RCM revision, as well as the lack of shared governance during the planning process, and the new model's siphoning of millions of dollars in funds from the academic units to the central administration, it is imperative that there be some structure through which the faculty can be made aware of financial issues affecting the university community and offer input where appropriate.

4. Motion: The Finance and Administration Committee moves that the University of New Hampshire administration, specifically the Office of the Provost and the Vice President for Finance and Administration, meet with the Faculty Senate Finance Committee no less than twice each semester to provide budgetary updates and other relevant financial information that affects academic programming on campus. This information should not be limited to new programs and opportunities, and should include information on budget actions that directly or indirectly affect any and all academic programming, including the implementation of RCM.

5. Senate action: The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to the following on May 13, 2016

President Mark Huddleston
Interim Provost P.T. Vasudevan
Mary Rhiel, Interim Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
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