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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XX-M9

on changing wording in section 06.1.1 of SRRR re: PAT staff as academic advisors

1. Motion presenter: Deb Kinghorn, Agenda Committee, and Jo Laird, SAC
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 12/7/15, 2/15/16
3. **Rationale:** Senate Motion XIX-M16 dealt with the wording in the Student Rights, Responsibilities Handbook, particularly regarding advising of students. The handbook now reads, in section 06.1.1:

“...Either faculty or staff members may serve as academic advisors depending on departmental procedures. Academic advisors typically help students both schedule classes that meet university and departmental requirements and monitor their progress throughout their academic career. Either academic advisors or other staff of the associated department/college may assist students in various ways, for example to learn of internships and post-graduation opportunities, and they may direct students to relevant support services when appropriate.”

However, the language must be clarified in the first sentence in the paragraph above. OS staff may not serve as academic advisors. No HR OS classification has academic advising as an assigned duty and OS are not generally expected to possess the educational degrees necessary to discharge those duties at the college level.

4. **Motion:** Therefore, the following wording is offered to replace the first sentence above:

“...Either faculty or PAT (Professional, Administrative, and Technical) staff members may serve as academic advisors depending on departmental procedures...”

5. **Senate action:** The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously with 44 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: *Deb Kinghorn*

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on March 31, 2016
Interim Provost P.T. Vasudevan, on March 31, 2016
Mary Rhiel, Interim Sr Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on March 31, 2016
COLA Associate Dean for Academics, Ted Kirkpatrick, on March 31, 2016
All college deans, on March 31, 2016
All department chairs, on March 31, 2016