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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION #XX-M6
on reinstating the Central Budget Committee

1. Motion presenter: Dan Innis, co-chair of the senate Finance and Administration Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 11/23/15, 12/7/15

3. Rationale: The Faculty Senate is the one body on campus that is intended and designed to be fully representative of the Faculty, especially in matters pertaining to the University's academic mission.

The Faculty Senate serves a primary role in the shared governance structure at UNH and principles of shared governance state that “*The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process. On these matters the power of review or final decision lodged in the governing board or delegated by it to the president should be exercised adversely only in exceptional circumstances and for reasons communicated to the faculty*” (<http://www.unh.edu/provost/section-2-faculty-governance-and-faculty-senate#s2>) .

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Faculty Senate is charged with providing institutional oversight and guidance regarding how the University establishes priorities and allocates scarce budgetary resources. The UNH Faculty Senate motion XVI-M17 passed in 2012 called upon Central Administration to provide timely and complete budgetary information related to resource allocation and revenue generation to the Faculty Senate so that the Faculty Senate can provide timely action and responsibly discharge its oversight of the academic mission.

Faculty Senate representation on the Central Budget Committee has been the primary venue for faculty oversight of and engagement with the University's financial affairs; however the Central Budget Committee has stopped holding regularly scheduled meetings, does not currently have a meeting scheduled for the 2015-16 academic year, and Central Administration is discussing whether this is a necessary committee to continue. Without this regular meeting, the Faculty Senate is not able to obtain timely and complete budgetary information or to actively and meaningfully participate in budgetary decisions that directly affect UNH's academic mission (e.g., strategic initiatives like enrollment management and STEM programming, allocation of resources supporting students and faculty). Therefore,

4. Motion: Let it be resolved that the Faculty Senate calls on the Central Administration to (1) ensure that the Central Budget Committee convenes a meeting before January 31, 2016 and continues to meet on a monthly basis throughout the calendar year and (2) ensure that the Faculty Senate has representation on any other committee or committees where UNH's financial affairs and budget matters are being discussed and decided and that this membership occurs immediately. If the CBC fails to reconvene, the Faculty Senate asks that faculty have representation on any other relevant financial affairs committees at a similar proportion to what has been historically provided on the CBC (approximately 25% of the CBC are members of the faculty). Faculty Senate membership on financial affairs

and budget committees is required under the shared governance structure of the University.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 47 votes in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions

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

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on December 15, 2015

Interim Provost P.T. Vasudevan, on December 15, 2015

Mary Rhiel, Interim Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on Dec. 15, 2015

All college deans, on December 15, 2015

All department chairs, on December 15, 2015