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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XVI-M11

on the definition of research/scholarship


1. Motion presenter: Wayne Fagerberg
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 2/27/2012 and 3/19/2012
3. Rationale:

The original concern which led to this motion was about wording in documents by the administration or administration-selected committees.

4. Motion:

The University of New Hampshire has articulated its goal of being a 'research' institution. The Faculty Senate would like the administration to recognize the following understanding of 'scholarship' and 'research'. Whereas "scholarship" and "research" are terms that are subject to interpretations that denote different practices and activities depending on the contexts in which they are used, and whereas the creative practices and activities of the fine and performing arts are obscured when terms are confined to "research" and "scholarship," however defined, and whereas activities and practices denoted by the terms "research," "scholarship," or "artistry" are informed primarily by the specific, organized, professional fields and disciplines of study and investigation that adjudicate them, and whereas academic departments adjudicate the quality of what constitutes "scholarship," "research," or "artistry" in promotion and tenure processes based on standards informed by the specific, organized, professional disciplines and fields of study from which candidates earn their professional status and establish their expertise, and whereas professional disciplines and fields of study will vary regarding what activities and practices constitute scholarship, research, or artistry or research activities and practices, the faculty senate resolves that scholarship, research, and artistry are necessarily adjudicated according to standards adopted by academic departments based on activities and practices authorized by the specific, organized, professional disciplines they respectively represent.

5. Senate action: passed with all ayes except for one nay and one abstention.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on 5-15-2012

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on 5-15-2012

Forwarded to: Lisa MacFarlane, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on 5-15-2012