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FACULTY SENATE MOTION II-M5
FIRST MOTION ON TRANSFER OF OTHER CREDITS

Introduced by: Todd DeMitchell, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee
Date: February 23, 1998

Text of Motion :

The Academic Affairs Committee moves that the following policy on the transfer of credits designated as "Other" by the Admissions Office be adopted by the Faculty Senate:

The Admissions Office, with the advice and consent of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, shall review and approve courses for either full or zero transfer credit to the Other Accepted Courses category. The criteria for the award of the full number of credits earned at the original institution in this review process shall depend on the following conditions:

1. The course credit shall be earned at an institution accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education or its equivalent.

2. The course shall be comparable in scope and level to credit bearing course offerings at the University of New Hampshire.

3. The department/program accreditation in which the student majors shall not be adversely affected. Accreditation issues that implicate this part of the policy shall be raised by the department/program and brought to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate.

Rationale:

The University of New Hampshire has had a long standing practice of allowing transfer students to receive credit, under particular circumstances, for previously taken college level work. This motion is the third, and the last, motion defining the parameters under which course credit may be transferred to the University of New Hampshire. The first two transfer motions addressed the core of a University of New Hampshire education, general education and major requirements. This last motion deals directly with those courses that round out an undergraduate's education, which are usually referred to as electives.

The Academic Affairs Committee's deliberations were guided by three principles: fairness, protection of the quality of a University of New Hampshire education, and

efficiency. This motion is meant to cover all transfer students including Thompson School transfers, with the interim exception of students from the New Hampshire Community Technical Colleges. The motion is fair because it treats similarly situated students in the same manner. It protects the quality of the uniqueness of a University of New Hampshire education because it does not entrench upon the two curricular areas that define that education - general education and major requirements. It is efficient because it is a workable process that insures speedy decision making for the 1,000 plus students who transfer with an average of 12 courses.

Senate Action: Passed.

Vote: Unanimous

Chair's Verification: Jane E. Aitken Date Passed: February 23, 1998

Forwarded to: President Joan Teitzel Date: 2-28-1998

Provost Walter Eggers Date: 2-28-1998

Todd DeMitchell, Acad. Affairs Com. Chair Date: 2-28-1998
+ Gary Cillee + Jim Washington 3-20-98

All department chairs Date: 2-28-1998

Responsible for follow-up: Jane E. Aitken, Chair