

**UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION# XXIII- M21  
on the need for UNH family housing**

1. Motion presenter: Danielle Pillet-Shore, on behalf of the Campus Planning Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 04/01/2019, 04/15/2019

**3. Motion:**

**Whereas, as of June 30, 2019, UNH's only on-campus family housing option (the building complex known as Forest Park) is scheduled to be closed for demolition; and**

**Whereas, the Faculty Senate has already passed two previous motions about the importance of family housing at UNH: Motion XV-M7 (2011) and Motion XIII-M14 (2009); and**

**Whereas, the 2012 Campus Master Plan (pg. 44-45) – citing a 2010 study – indicated the need for affordable campus housing to accommodate at least 40-50 married/partnered graduate students with no children, 15-20 students with families, and 15-20 post-docs/scholars/faculty, and made specific recommendations to meet this need; and**

**Whereas, dating back to 2006, many faculty supporting UNH's diversity initiatives expressed deep concerns about a lack of affordable family housing at UNH; and**

**Whereas, in October of 2018, junior faculty in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences wrote and sent a letter to President James Dean in which they expressed their concern regarding UNH's decision to close Forest Park; and**

**Whereas, the University of New Hampshire is the state's public flagship research university and an R1 research institution; and**

**Whereas, such housing is part of UNH's academic mission in line with President James Dean's January 24, 2019 Four Strategic Priorities address; therefore, be it**

**Resolved: that safe, affordable, proximate couple/family housing for use by graduate students, international students, and early career faculty with spouses/families should be a strategic priority to help fulfill UNH's responsibility to recruit and support, train and retain new scholars; and, be it further**

**Resolved: that the Faculty Senate urges the University Administration to designate safe, affordable, proximate family housing for use by graduate students, international students, and early career faculty with families.**

4. Senate action: The motion passed unanimously with 55 in favor, none opposed, and no abstentions.

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Senate Chair, Robert S. Smith

Forwarded to the following on 05/03/2019:

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