I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Anderson, Berenguier, Boccialetti, Forest, Freuder, Gross, James, Lewis, McHugh, Mejias-Lopez, Sample, Seidel, Sivaprasad, Valenza, Wells. Excused were: Carroll, Halstead, and Tomellini.

II. Communications - The chair welcomed the newly-elected 1996/97 Faculty Senators and mentioned that they should not vote today until the 1995/96 Faculty Senate is adjourned.

III. UNH-Manchester - UNH-Manchester has eighteen tenure-track faculty members; and the dean has proposed the non-reappointment of three of the untenured, tenure-track faculty. The Manchester faculty gave a vote of no-confidence regarding this and proposed alternative budget measures. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate recommends a motion to:

1. Stop the three proposed and contemplated nonreappointments of tenure-track faculty;

2. Support the alternative budget cuts, as proposed and voted 11-2-5 by the tenure-track faculty;

3. Encourage active participation of the tenure-track faculty in any future administrative decisions that affect any aspect of academic affairs;

4. Whenever nonreappointments of faculty are contemplated for financial reasons, they should be implemented under the prioritization articulated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement when there is a formal declaration of financial exigency: non-tenure-track faculty are nonreappointed before tenure-track faculty;

5. Whenever a policy is under review, the UNH administration must not take actions which could render the policy moot.

The motion was seconded by Robert Macieski. A letter has been sent from the administration rescinding the ban on admissions to the Political Science Department, while the required programmatic review takes place; but item five is a general statement regarding future policy.

A professor expressed the need to hear both sides and deliberate on the issues. A presentation on the subject had been given by two faculty members at the last Faculty Senate meeting. The Faculty Senate had charged the Academic Affairs Committee to review the issue, and the committee consulted with two additional faculty members from UNH-Manchester and then presented recommendations to the Faculty Senate. Item one of the motion passed with one abstention.

The proposed alternative budget cuts were described and discussed. Item two of the motion was modified through a friendly amendment to: Consider and respond in detail to the alternative budget cuts, as proposed and voted 11-2-5 by the tenure-track faculty. This amended version of item two passed unanimously.
A friendly amendment was accepted to change item three to: Encourage shared decision making between the tenure-track faculty and the administration in all decisions that affect any aspect of academic affairs. This passed unanimously.

A friendly amendment was accepted to change item four to: Whenever nonreappointments of faculty are contemplated for financial reasons, non-tenure-track faculty shall be nonreappointed before tenure-track faculty. This passed unanimously.

The Political Science Department in Durham has decided to rescind its support of the baccalaureate degree in political science at UNH-Manchester, because the offerings were not considered broad enough without hiring a second tenure-track professor at UNH-Manchester as originally planned. However, when elimination of a program is contemplated, the issue must be reviewed by the successor to the Faculty Council, which is the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Senate; and this review would have been rendered moot by the ban on admissions to the program.

An amendment was made by David Richman and seconded by Todd DeMitchell, to charge the 1996/97 Faculty Senate with a review of item five. This amendment did not carry. A friendly amendment was accepted to change item five to: Whenever a policy is subject to faculty review, the UNH administration must not take actions which could render the review moot. This passed unanimously.

IV. Writing Across the Curriculum - The University Writing Center and Writing Across the Curriculum Program has provided training, consulting, tutoring and research both at its center and via outreach programs. The Writing Committee will begin meeting in May, and a director of Writing Across the Curriculum has been appointed. In the fall of 1997, the new university writing requirement, which was passed this fall, will be implemented. The center continues to work with students and faculty, both individually and through in-class workshops, full-day workshops, a faculty seminar or mini-course, and off-campus outreach.

V. Thanks to the Chair - The vice chair presented a ceremonial gavel to the chair in appreciation of his work as chair this year.

VI. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.
Professors Richman and Miller would be continuing members. There were no nominees from the floor, and the above nominees were elected unanimously. A welcome was extended to the new officers.

III. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.