I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Burger, Calculator, Fink, Forest, Goodman, Greenlaw, Gross, Laue, Lewis, McHugh, Seidel, Wood.

II. Library - The Dimond Library will be renovated and two wings added, one in the front and one on the side, including 42,000 additional square feet. The additions will be brick with lots of windows. A faculty lounge has been included, and it is a nice room with a good view. Construction is expected to begin in January of 1997 and finish in January of 1998. Moving library services out of most portions of the library will save both money and time; and so Dimond library services will not be available from December 21 through January 12, although the branch libraries will be open. After January 12, many library services will be in the Hewitt Hall basement, New Hampshire Hall gymnasium, and Nesmith Hall; and an on-line catalog will identify where items can be found.

III. Communications from the Chair - Business Service Centers will soon be established, with bookkeeping done in central offices near the dean. Under this plan, staff members will be moved from many departments, and some small departments which now have a secretary will have to share. Some members of the administration have announced that they consider the motion on the calendar, which was passed by the Faculty Senate last May, to be unworkable. The senate needs to decide on a response to this. UNH has twenty-eight varsity teams, which is more than comparable universities have; and thus many faculty see a need to cut back the number of sports in order to reduce the budget. Student Senate would like to send an observer to Faculty Senate and to have Faculty Senate committees exchange information with and occasionally meet with a corresponding committee of the Student Senate. The administration has announced the formation of a Transportation Policy Committee, which has four faculty members and a number of other members. A draft of a statement on diversity is being prepared.

IV. Minutes - The minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

V. Appendix 2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution - A motion was made and seconded to change the wording of the last section of Appendix 2 of the Faculty Senate Constitution from “Associate Vice President for Campus Planning and Real Property Management and Campus Planner” to “Assistant Vice President for Facilities”. The motion passed.

VI. Credit Transfer - Articulation agreements are being negotiated between UNH and community and technical colleges. A motion was made by William Stine, chair of the Faculty Senate’s Academic Affairs Committee, and seconded by Guy Petty that “for transfer credits to meet major requirements, courses must be reviewed and approved by the receiving department. Previously approved courses may be reconsidered periodically by the receiving department.” Similar language is already
in the University Policy Handbook. Currently courses transfer to UNH into specific programs, general education and other. This motion does not address general education, and the admissions office deals with that issue. However, the committee plans a subsequent motion on the transfer of general education courses. The “other” category includes work from accredited colleges listed in a specific book and transferring at 100 % and work from community and technical colleges which transfers in at 60 %. A grade of C or better is required for transfer of courses within the System.

A motion was made by John Pokoski but not seconded, that representatives from the Admissions Office and the Registrar’s Office be members of the General Education Committee and that this committee have oversight of the decisions to be made. A motion was made to table the main motion on credit transfer until December’s Faculty Senate meeting. The motion to table passed.

VII. Business Service Centers - Many faculty expressed concern about the plan to institute business service centers. The Faculty Senate agreed that the Campus Planning Committee should meet with Vice President Corvey, Ken Cody and Victor Benassi on this matter, in order to try to minimize the dislocation which might be caused by such a plan.

VIII. Calendar - Guidelines for the university calendar were approved by the Faculty Senate last May. Many faculty felt that classes should start after Labor Day, because certain students cannot leave their summer jobs until then. Concerns were also expressed about partying over the long weekend. The former chair said that, when Labor Day is latest which occurs in one year out of seven, exams could end by 3:30 p.m. on December 23 and there would be no reading days but that this is preferable to the confusion of starting before all students can attend classes. The administration might have to modify the timetable of dealing with students facing suspensions due to poor grades. The Faculty Senate representatives to the University Governance Communication Council will review the calendar to verify the exact number of days available, will present the Faculty Senate’s position clearly at any UGCC meeting on the calendar, and will ask that the past chair of the Faculty Senate attend such a meeting.

IX. Alcohol Policy - The Faculty Senate’s Student Affairs Committee has reviewed the university’s alcohol policies and programs and will continue to work with students and key people in the university community on the issue of alcohol use and abuse. The committee encourages faculty to maintain awareness and to facilitate students’ access to help for alcohol-related problems.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.