I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Burger, Calculator, Forest, Greenlaw, Gross, Moynihan, Schwab, Zabarsky.

II. Communications from the President - President Leitzel presented information on our biennial budget proposals which have been sent to the legislature from the university and from the governor. Repairs for Petty Hall and Murkland Hall are not included in the governor’s proposal, and the president has asked that those two projects be added. Morse Hall also requires repair, but the university is planning legal action against the subcontractors who recently constructed the building. Also, new buildings require both maintenance and staffing, funds for which might have been allocated to salaries.

III. Communications from the Chair - The Faculty Senate welcomes Stephen Pugh as the new faculty senator from the science division of UNH-Manchester. Ballots for this year’s election to the Faculty Senate will soon be sent out to faculty from approximately half the departments. Please remind your constituents about the election and that the new senator will need to be available on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. A review of the Faculty Handbook is planned and can be done with faculty input if some faculty will agree to be on this committee. Please contact Tom Pistole in the Provost’s office, if you are willing. The Scholarship Fund Committee also needs faculty representatives. Please contact the Faculty Senate chair to become a member. John Pokoski and John McHugh will be the Faculty Senate’s representatives on the Information Technology Council and will report to the senate regularly. The draft of the alcohol policy is now available for review. Faculty should send their input on this to Leila Moore. The Affirmative Action Report is also ready for your review. The Part-time Faculty Committee has completed its report on high-percent-time faculty, and the recommendations will be presented to the senate soon.

IV. Minutes - The minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meeting were approved. A request was made to include the vote count when possible in the future.

V. Agenda Committee Election - Marvin Karson was approved to replace Craig Wood as the member from WSBE on the Agenda Committee.

VI. Calendar - A motion was made by Janet Aikins and seconded by Deborah Winslow that for semester 1, 1998/99, the Faculty Senate approve the following three modifications to the “Guidelines on the Calendar” as approved by the Faculty Senate in May, 1996:

Modify # 3 to read: “Classes begin after Labor Day, except in years when, because of the late date of Labor Day, it proves to be impossible to do so under the current “Guidelines on the Calendar.”
Modify # 8 to read: “Final examinations to end not later than December 22.”

Delete # 10, which currently reads: “If necessary, eliminate reading days.”

“Impossible to do so” means impossible when all the other guidelines are followed. At least three teaching days before Labor Day would be needed in the fall of 1998. After a brief discussion, the motion was approved by a voice vote.

VII. Parking - James Tucker moved and David Richman seconded a motion that “Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty are central to the university’s mission. In light of this centrality, any new UNH transportation policy should include priority parking (i.e. separate lots) for full-time (tenured and tenure track) faculty. Full-time faculty require the sort of priority in future parking policy that principal administrators enjoy in current parking policy.” Some faculty members felt that faculty are primary and have the most need to come and go at odd hours. Other professors felt that this is an elitist motion and that many staff members have similar needs. A parking garage would be a good solution but is expensive. Some professors said that faculty should pay more for central parking.

There was a call for the use of public transportation and sustainable living. An amendment was made by John Carroll and seconded by Paul Ossenbruggen to add “or free coast bus passes” after “(i.e. separate lots)”. However, all persons with yellow parking permits can now obtain a sticker for free use of the coast bus on request. The motion failed, with fourteen ayes and twenty nays.

Deborah Winslow proposed an amendment which Dorothy Rentschler seconded, to include all faculty in the motion, by removing wording such as “full-time tenured and tenure-track”. The amendment passed on a voice vote. The motion as amended passed with twenty-three ayes and fifteen nays.

VIII. Fund Drive - The cost of a feasibility study for the Academic Excellence Fund Drive will be $50,000 which would come from the University Foundation’s reserves. The drive would be for funds to improve academic excellence rather than for capital improvements. The president has proposed that the University Foundation be removed from fund 1000.

IX. Open Mike - The chair of the Faculty Senate’s System Committee said that the legislative body which reviews the University System has been reconstituted but has not yet met. The Faculty Senate chair recently brought to the attention of President Leitzel the Faculty Senate’s 5/6/96 motion on system funding. Professor Ossenbruggen discussed the inadequate equipment, supplies and software in the computer clusters and said that this is a big problem for his students. A faculty member suggested a subcommittee to review the university calendar.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.