I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Burger, Cote, Herold, Lugalla, Messier, Moynihan, Roh, Schoof, Sohl and Zabarsky. Cooper, Fan, and C. Gross were excused.

II. Communications from the Chair - The goal of the Faculty Senate is to provide strong faculty leadership and to articulate the decisions and views of the faculty. The Agenda Committee has acted as the guardian of faculty interests during the summer. Governor Shaheen will meet with the Faculty Senate at 3:10 p.m. on December 8 in 314 McConnell Hall. The press may be present, and so this will not be a formal meeting of the Faculty Senate. President Leitzel will deliver her state-of-the-university address at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, in the Memorial Union Building. The university community scholarship fund drive has begun, and contribution forms were distributed to the senators. The Faculty Senate met with the Student Senate at an informal discussion in the Memorial Union Building on September 8. It is important that we have good relationships and communications with the students and staff. The Faculty Senate chair will send frequent articles to the Campus Journal. This summer the Agenda Committee met with groups of faculty senators to discuss future agenda items and ideas to enhance the function of the Faculty Senate. The senate must choose its tasks carefully and should gather and review information before approving motions. On February 17, the senate passed a motion that the faculty should be included in searches for key administration positions. Now the faculty is being offered four chances to meet the candidates for the Special Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action. VPFA Corvey has developed a plan for soliciting faculty views about changes in the travel procedures and policy. Faculty may contact Ken Cody if they would like to help draft the procedures. Faculty senators should share the above information with their colleagues.

The Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws say that the Faculty Senate will coordinate appointments to university-wide committees. The senate’s representatives to the Academic Computing Advisory Committee will be Pedro deAlba and Ray Greenlaw. The representatives to the President’s Commission on the Status of People of Color will be Yae Sock Roh, John Ernest and Barbara Krysiak; and they will also form an ad-hoc committee of the Faculty Senate on this topic. John Miller and Henri Gaudette will be on the ROTC Board of Governors, and Jim Tucker will be on the Transportation Policy Committee. Steve Hardy will chair the Athletic Advisory Committee, and one faculty seat is vacant on that committee.

The senate observed a minute of silence in honor of Stephanie Thomas, the former registrar who passed away recently.
III. Minutes - The minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meetings in May were approved.

IV. Parliamentarian - A motion was made, seconded and passed that Ann Morgan be the senate parliamentarian.

V. Committees - A motion was made, seconded and passed to ratify the following committee chairs: Pedro deAlba for the Campus Planning Committee, Jeff Sohl for the Research and Public Service Committee, Todd DeMitchell for the Academic Affairs Committee, Larry O’Connell for the Finance and Administration Committee, and James Farrell for Student Affairs. The latter committee will report to the senate in early October. Three new charges will be given to the committees: enrollment management, travel policy, and a study of the quality of entering students.

VI. Graduate Education - Dean Bruce Mallory began his presentation by saying that the graduate school must be a source of intellectual and social capital for the university in a measurable way. The university needs vigorous intellectual and academic leadership, strengthening of interdisciplinary collaboration, new sources of support, catalysts for positive change, advocates for graduate students and faculty, and a good set of operating principles. Priorities include student and faculty support, preparation of graduate students to become faculty, research enhancement and travel awards for students to present research papers, a summer faculty fellowship program, expansion of funded assistantships, and strategic collaboration for matching funds for graduate students. Other priorities are program development, distance learning models, more active graduate student recruitment especially of international students, an increase of graduate student enrollments and percentages, and diversity with a broad range of participation. On October 13 there will be a meeting of the Graduate Council and the graduate coordinators, for an extended discussion of the graduate program. The Graduate Council will meet more often and be more proactive. There will be closer linkages with the Faculty Senate and a revitalized Graduate Student Organization. The Graduate Council will review representation for small departments. The dean hopes to attract more funds for graduate assistantships. Faculty would like a better way to measure in advance whether the incoming international graduate students will be able to teach clearly in English. New graduate programs are expected. In October, the Graduate School and the UNH Committee on Violence Against Women will co-sponsor discussions on “Are Freedom of Speech and a Non-threatening Environment Mutually Exclusive?”

VII. Articulation Agreements - On May 12, the Faculty Senate passed a motion that no further action should be taken on articulation agreements until the 1997/98 Faculty Senate could review the issue. Press announcements this summer were inaccurate, and the president sent a letter to reassure faculty on this subject. The Academic Affairs Committee has met with the provost regarding transfer of credits. The committee will review this issue and report to the senate soon with a recommendation. A discussion followed. UNH faculty are concerned that most faculty at vocational and technical colleges only have bachelor’s degrees or do not have advanced degrees in the discipline they teach. Our approval process approves courses, not instructors. If the course
changes greatly, UNH hopes that the technical college will inform the university. Accreditation for UNH departments includes information on what courses the department accepts for transfer. A professor asked that the Academic Affairs Committee chair discuss with the AAUP the issue of instructor qualifications. The faculty now has control over what courses are acceptable; but in the future the vocational and technical schools will be under a new accreditation agency. At such time, their courses would automatically be accepted for transfer. Concern exists that, although the numbers are small now, there is potential for larger numbers of such transfer students. A review of the past performance of these transfer students would be useful.

VIII. Election Procedures - A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to amend the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate: in section 1B to change the word “April” to “March” and “April 20th” to “March 31” and in section 1C to change the second sentence to: “In case of a tie, winners will be polled regarding their availability to serve; and a run-off election will be held, if necessary, between April 1 and 20.”

IX. Faculty Senate Membership - A motion was made, seconded and tabled until the next meeting to amend the Constitution of the Faculty Senate to remove the words “full time” from Sections 2 and 10, which are the only two places in the constitution where “full time” appears as a modifier for the phrase “tenure-track faculty”.

X. Faculty Senate Library Committee - A motion was made, seconded and tabled until the next meeting to amend section 6B of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate to change the phrase “five standing committees” to “six standing committees”; to add the following item 6B, 6: “The Library Committee will concern itself with matters pertaining to the university’s library and its operation”; and to identify in Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate the university librarian as the administrator corresponding to the library standing committee.

XI. Open Mike - Faculty Senate minutes will usually be sent to the senators before the next Faculty Senate meeting. The meeting with Governor Shaheen will be for Faculty Senators, and other faculty may attend on a space available basis. The president will also attend. Faculty could be asked to indicate in advance who will come to the meeting.

XII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.