I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Afolayan, Beller-McKenna, Bornstein, de la Torre, Farrell, Grenier, Komonchak, McNamara, Niman, Pugh, Reardon, Sohl, Wang, Zsigray, and Zunz. Absent as work to rule were Carr and Echt. Excused were Chandler, Coon, Gaudette, and Mayne.

II. Communications with the President - The university will give information to the legislature this week on the operating budget and the capital budget. The university will also ask the legislature to match private scholarship funds obtained through the capital campaign. The student rally in Concord was well received by the governor and legislators, and the governor has received an unprecedented number of letters in recent weeks. The Board of Trustees firmly agrees that we need a five percent increase in the operating budget plus two percent for academic technology. Also, the board has formed a task force to consider restructuring the university system office.

III. Communications from the Chair - The Faculty Senate chair attended the rally in Concord, and he urges faculty to write letters to legislators. Ballots for the Faculty Senate election have been mailed. Please encourage your colleagues to vote thoughtfully. The Distinguished Alumni Event will be held again next year, and we are preparing a letter to the departments asking for nominations of distinguished alumni. The second edition of “Faculty in the News” will be printed and available in time for the college open houses. The Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees met and recommended approval of the repair and renovation list submitted by the university. Also a recommendation was made to suspend the rule that only twenty-five percent of our students can be from out of state. The board’s budget recommendations are dependent on the approval of the capital budget by the legislature.

IV. Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

V. Motions from the Campus Planning Committee - The committee presented two motions for discussion and a sense-of-the-senate vote, in order to give the senate’s Campus Planning Committee guidance. The committee’s first motion is:

Resolved that the senate admits that expansion of campus west across the railroad tracks, the two railroad underpasses, and the loop road concept are unavoidable over the long term. The senate goes on record as recommending that the Loop Road be routed to avoid serious or lasting damage to College Woods, even at the cost of partial loss of the athletic fields.

The most recent plan for the Loop Road keeps intact more of the Campus Woods and cuts off part of the playing field. The baseball field may be made smaller and changed to a soccer field. A professor asked that the university consider restoration of wet lands
during this process. The Loop Road is expected to be a two-lane road. Trains may use
the railroad track much more frequently soon, and so we need at least one new
underpass in the near future. A friendly amendment was made and accepted that “the
senate also recommends that the Master Plan include restoration or mitigation of
previously filled wetlands bordering College Woods wherever possible”. The
amended motion was approved unanimously.

The Campus Planning Committee’s second motion is: “resolved that the senate goes on
record as rejecting the idea that large portions of faculty/staff parking should be moved to
the West Edge lot on the basis of ‘restoring the walking campus’”. Many faculty said that
changes in the parking system are being considered that will make it harder for faculty to
do their jobs. After much discussion, friendly amendments were made and accepted to
modify the motion and include part of the rationale, as follows:

Resolved that the senate goes on record as rejecting the idea that
faculty/staff parking should be moved to the West Edge, for the
following reasons. Faculty are skeptical about the wording
“restoring the walking campus” since UNH has not been a walking
campus for decades, if it ever was one. Faculty teaching schedules
mean that many faculty members have specific needs for safety and
flexibility in parking, and many have expressed concern that
removing the bulk of faculty/staff parking to an expanded West Edge
lot will not be accompanied by reliable and frequent shuttle service
between campus and the West Edge lot. We cannot support a
further decrease in the number of central parking spaces without
more effective guarantees of shuttle service good enough NOT to
constitute a new hardship.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

VI. Open Mike - Tim Barretto distributed a letter regarding concerns about revising
academic policy for Associate-in-Arts degree candidates. The Academic Affairs
Committee shares his misgivings and is also concerned about the lack of faculty input on
the plan. The Agenda Committee has also discussed these concerns with the president
and the provost.

Ken Appel said that his department has been told that it cannot replace three faculty
members. The dean of his college had responded to a budget cut by recommending the
elimination of a program, and that recommendation is under review by a university-wide
faculty committee. The president has told the dean that he will have to cut his budget in
other ways, if this proposed program elimination is not approved; and therefore
replacement of faculty is on hold. If a university-wide decision is made to negate a
proposed college budget cut, who should pay? Other colleges had also proposed
certain cuts, were told that they were not acceptable, and came up with other budget
reductions. What has happened to budget cuts that were proposed for administrative
offices? Today’s meeting was adjourned.