I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: de la Torre, Draper, Hiller, Kaen, Lamb, Macieski, and Nordgren. Absent as work to rule were Barretto, Carr, Echt, Garland, McConnell, Planalp, Reardon, Roh, Stine and Williams. Excused were Ashwell and VonDamm.

II. Communications with the president - The president said that the university celebrated Ben Thompson’s birthday this weekend. Enrollment deposits for incoming students are due today, and enrollments this year are expected to exceed those of last year, both in quantity and quality. The publications which will be used for next year’s admissions effort seem well designed. We do not have final word on the state allocation, due to the controversy over funding for the Claremont decision. If the state allocation were to be reduced for UNH, tuition for in-state-students is expected to go up. The alumni advocacy network is working well now.

A professor said that the trustees refused the faculty request for a forum and cited the need to bargain only at the bargaining table, whereas faculty had indicated that the forum would be simply to exchange information and not to bargain. The president responded that Pedro de Alba had made clear that the forum was to be a communication tool, but the trustees feel that communication also should occur at the bargaining table.

III. University wordmark and symbol - Phyllis Bennett said that ten years ago the university developed a graphic identity by creating a wordmark which shows how “University of New Hampshire” should appear in print. All stationery and business cards, for example, were to use this wordmark. Now the typeface of the wordmark has been strengthened, and a logo has been added, which is a symbol of the Thompson Hall tower. This symbol has won a national award and has been used successfully for the capital campaign. The university seal should only be used for diplomas and other such official documents. The wordmark and the logo of the tower would be used on all letterhead stationery and university business cards, phased in as new supplies are ordered through Printing Services.

In response to faculty requests, the proposed stationery has been adjusted so that the area available for use is the same size as in the past. Business cards now need to contain so much information that fitting it all in the space is difficult. The university symbol will be on the university’s web site. Professors said that some people are not comfortable with the proposed tower logo and that there should be a choice to use the logo or not. Also, some departments do all correspondence on computer-generated stationery.

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

V. Membership of the University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee - The senate chair said that the proposed UCAPC slate is John Rogers, Robert Connors and Gregg McMahon from Liberal Arts; Michael Carter and Matt Davis from CEPS; Raelene Shippee-Rice and Stephen Hardy from SHHS; Tom Pistole and Tom Foxall from COLSA; Roger Grinde from WSBE; and one professor from UNH-M. Some of the faculty named above have said that they would participate only after a contract settlement. UNH-Manchester faculty are currently discussing who their representative should be. A professor asked that more consideration be given to women when filling
such positions, so that the number of women on this important committee would be proportional to the number of women in the pool of potential faculty committee members. She said that there should be three women on this committee, but the senate chair responded that he had asked many women who had declined to be on the committee. The slate was voted on and passed with fifteen ayes and thirteen nays.

VI. Motion on academic review and approval - James Farrell moved and Daniel Beller-McKenna seconded that all UNH courses not taught by full-time UNH faculty members must be subject to review and approval by the appropriate academic department before such courses will count within that department’s major curriculum or for general education credit. In addition, all instructors hired by the university to teach credit courses on a per-course basis, including summer courses, should be reviewed and approved by the chairperson in the appropriate academic department. Departments may refuse to accept courses, including summer courses, taught by unapproved instructors for their major or minor programs.

Would instructors who have taught for us before be required to get new approval under this motion? A friendly amendment was proposed to change the first sentence to “All UNH courses not taught by full-time UNH faculty members must have been subject to review...” and to change the second sentence to “...should at some point have been reviewed and approved by the chairperson in the appropriate academic department.” This idea was not accepted by the person who made the motion, because an instructor who has taught before might not be qualified to teach a different course, might no longer be qualified to teach the same course if course requirements have changed, or might have taught poorly and thus not be suitable for rehire. Concern was expressed that this motion may be construed as simply an attempt to enforce the summer school boycott. A professor replied that only an expert in a given field can tell who is up to date and adequately prepared to teach a course in that field. Departments cannot adequately screen teaching appointments for other departments, nor can administrators do so. Each department should approve its own major, minor and general education courses. A friendly amendment was made and accepted to change the first sentence of the motion to “...approval by the academic department offering the course...” and the second sentence to “...approved by the chairperson in the academic department offering the course.”

A professor said that, although this motion just reaffirms past policy, deans are now hiring faculty for summer courses and so this threat to the faculty purview has already begun. Another professor added that this motion would protect students and prevent an attack on the academic integrity of the university. A faculty member said that he expects department chairs to judge new appointments on their merits and that he would be very concerned if this did not happen due to strict adherence to a boycott. A professor suggested that a department should have to show cause if a prospective instructor is rejected. Some courses are not taught by academic departments. Examples are ROTC courses, honors courses, and classes on international studies; and such courses are approved by a committee of faculty. A friendly amendment was made and accepted to add an asterisk to the first sentence, after “academic department”, and to say at the end of the motion that “* If the course is not offered through an academic department, the faculty group that normally governs the course will render the approval.”

Curt Givan said that the Joint Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities was “jointly formulated by the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.... In November 1966, the Executive Committee of the AGB took action by which that organization also recognizes
the Statement as a significant step forward in the clarification of the respective roles of governing boards, faculties, and administrations’ and ‘commends it to the governing boards which are members of the Association’

This statement says in part that “Faculty status and related matters are primarily a faculty responsibility; this area includes appointments, reappointments, decisions not to reappoint, promotions, the granting of tenure, and dismissal. The primary responsibility of the faculty for such matters is based upon the fact that its judgment is central to general education policy. Furthermore, scholars in a particular field or activity have the chief competence for judging the work of their colleagues; in such competence it is implicit that responsibility exists for both adverse and favorable judgments. Likewise there is the more general competence of experienced faculty personnel committees having a broader charge. Determinations in these matters should first be by faculty action through established procedures, reviewed by the chief academic officers with the concurrence of the board. The governing board and president should, on questions of faculty status, as in other matters where the faculty has primary responsibility, concur with the faculty judgment except in rare instances and for compelling reasons which should be stated in detail.”

A friendly amendment was made and accepted to change the first sentence to “...count within that department’s major or minor curriculum or for general education credit.” Another friendly amendment was made and accepted to add as appendices the preamble of the Faculty Senate Constitution and the parts of the Joint Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities which were quoted above. A professor suggested that the motion be postponed to the fall so that a senate committee could review the motion and make a recommendation on it, but other faculty responded that the motion needs to be passed before a precedent is set. The motion as amended (see attached) passed with twenty-four ayes, one nay, and three abstentions.

VII. Thanks to the chair - Bob Connors expressed the thanks of the senate to Pedro de Alba, the outgoing chair, and presented him with an engraved gavel.

VIII. Adjournment - Today’s meeting was adjourned.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2000/01 FACULTY SENATE

MAY 1, 2000
MINUTES SUMMARY

I. Roll - The following Faculty Senate members were absent: Denis, Draper, Fletcher, Hall, Halstead, Henke, Hinson, Macieski, New, Russell, Schiller, Simpson, Smith, and Trowbridge. Absent as work to rule were Carr, Planalp, and Stine. Excused were Ashwell, Hiller, Stone and VonDamm.

II. Election of officers - The slate presented by the Agenda Committee was passed by acclamation. The officers for the 2000/01 Faculty Senate will be Robert Connors as chair, Jerry Finn as vice chair, and the following professors as at-large members of the Agenda Committee: Daniel Beller-McKenna, Shelley Mulligan and Guy Petty.
III. Communications from the chair - Bob Connors said that he looks forward to working with the 2000/01 faculty senators. The Agenda Committee will meet during the summer and will work on setting up the senate committees for the coming year. The motion passed today will be distributed to the appropriate people as quickly as possible.

IV. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned.