Chair, Dr. Rosie Webb Joels called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

All members were present, with the exception of Linda Malone, Glenn Cunningham, Paul Sommerville, and David Ratusnik. Dr. Barbara Judkins attended as alternate to Dr. Ratusnik and Dr. Juge sat in for Dr. Astro.

Minutes of the meeting of November 16, 1989 were approved.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1989-1990 - 6
   SUBMITTED BY SENATE INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

   It is recommended to designate the Library as the principal source to hold, catalog, and make available audiovisual materials for circulation inside and outside of the library.

   It was unanimously agreed to forward this Resolution to the Faculty Senate.

2. PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1989-1990 - 7
   SUBMITTED BY SENATE INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

   All students must fulfill the requirements (attendance, tests, and assignments) of the courses they register for as described in the distributed course syllabi. Those students who because of involvement in extracurricular activities cannot meet such requirements should either withdraw or request accommodation from faculty members who have the right to exercise their own judgment to the individual case. Failure to adhere to such a policy has proven to be detrimental to State institutions.

   The question was raised whether this policy statement should be included in the Golden Rule. It was recommended that an introduction or preamble be added. It was unanimously agreed to refer this Resolution back to the Instruction Committee for a preamble and other possible modifications.

   It was suggested that the Chair or other representative from a committee forwarding a proposed resolution to the Steering Committee attend the Steering Committee meeting at which the resolution is presented.
3. PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1989-1990 - 8
PROPOSED BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairs of various academic units should be:
  a) Selected by a seventy-five percent vote of tenured and tenure earning faculty.
  b) Term of initial appointment should not exceed four years.
  c) This term is renewable by a seventy-five percent vote of the tenured and tenure earning faculty of the academic unit.
  d) All chairs, like faculty, should hold nine month contracts and be paid for summers by administrative stipend.

Dr. Mark Stern raised several questions regarding this resolution:

1) Why 75%? What if you don't get that amount?
2) What input does the Dean of the College retain?
3) Affirmative action concerns?
4) Would use of a nine month contract result in the loss of potential candidates?

Due to the number of questions raised by this resolution, including the rationale behind it, the resolution was returned to the Personnel Committee for additional information and modification.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.