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**AGENDA**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

October 19, 1987

D.P. Culp Center, Forum      3:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
- III. TREASURERS REPORT
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - THEA Meeting
  - TIAA-CREF Meeting
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - Concerns & Grievances Committee Report
  - Tenure & Promotion Appeals Committee
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - Proposed Calendar Change
  - Graduate School - Dr. Richard A. Crofts
- VII. ADJOURNMENT



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Respectfully submitted,



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