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The Reporter is designed to provide periodic information on Guild activities.

On Thursday, March 4, 1982, the executive board of the NHCC-United Faculty/AFT met with President Thorne to discuss the guild's proposals for 1982-83. The meeting was symbolic in that Mr. Thorne recognized the union by meeting with the officers in their representative capacity.

The discussion, which lasted approximately one and a half hours, included all ten of the guild's proposals. The officers felt that a genuine and relevant dialogue brought to light significant points from both the union and administration's points of view. Mr. Thorne appeared to agree with the spirit behind nine of the ten proposals. Disagreement did arise concerning the college's ability to fund the proposals. Guild officers pointed out that only the first five proposals are intended for immediate consideration, while the remainder are long range goals to be met as the college's finances increase.

Following the meeting, NHCC-UF President Kevin Bailey, stated that he was pleased with the meeting, especially with the substantive discussion, and expressed the hope that this would be the first step to future dialogues between union and administrative officials.

Following the meeting with Mr. Thorne, Bailey addressed the Board of Trustees, during their March 11 meeting. Again, college officials recognized the union as an organization and its officers as representatives of that organization. Bailey summarized the guild's ten proposals for the Trustees. Despite earlier denials of guild requests to appear and address the Board, no explanation was offered for this change in policy. The guild remains unsure as to the status of future requests, but is hopeful that the Board is willing to tolerate our constitutional right to free speech, by allowing such appearances.