

FRESHMAN ENGLISH POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 30, 1985

Attending: Ruszkiewicz, Bertelsen, Byerman, Frost,  
Cherry, Daniell, Holt

I. Call to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Ruszkiewicz announced that the statistics on grade inflation are not in yet, but that he plans to discuss the problem with each instructor who gave more than 80% A's and B's in E306 last semester. These individual conferences will take the place of the grading sessions this term.

Then Ruszkiewicz speculated on the possibility of using some of the Writing Lab staff to help with the rehabilitation of grading standards--such things as creating grading files and revising the grading policy sheet. Ruszkiewicz noted that such a program would be subject to FEPC approval.

III. Ruszkiewicz announced that Project Quest computers are now in the Writing Lab. Those interested in discussing how they are to be used are invited to attend a meeting to be held soon. Ruszkiewicz further noted that ten IBM PC's will be in the Writing Lab by September.

IV. Ruszkiewicz offered a tentative FEPC agenda for the Spring semester, then asked for suggestions. The following list was proposed:

- A. textbooks
- B. assistant director
- C. grading standards
- D. AI/TA orientation (Frost)

- V. Frost announced the following strategy for the selection of textbooks:
- A. first phase by Kate
  - B. second phase by subcommittee (first meeting at 1:00 p.m., February 6)
  - C. April 1: subcommittee report to larger committee and books available for review by FEPC members

- VI. Ruszkiewicz called attention to Gloria Gannaway's variant text proposal.

Cherry said he had no objection to the readings, but he wondered how they would fit in with the E306 departmental syllabus.

Ruszkiewicz responded that the books were to be supplementary to the current syllabus.

Noting that Gannaway has previously taught an E307 variant course using these books, Frost asked how students had evaluated the course.

Ruszkiewicz responded that the course had been successful.

A discussion ensued which ended in a motion that Gannaway's proposal be accepted under the condition that she file both a course syllabus and a personal evaluation of the course to be used by the Freshman English Office as a resource file for E306 teachers. The motion was seconded and passed. Ruszkiewicz asked Holt to write the letter.

- VII. Holt suggested that the Freshman English Office offer a plagiarism seminar, attendance optional, for the benefit of E306 teachers. The seminar would consist of two parts. First, Ruszkiewicz would present a brief outline of the procedures involved in reporting a suspected case, and then Holt would lead a discussion on some of the issues involved in plagiarism. The FEPC approved the suggestion.

- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.