

Ruszkiewicz

FRESHMAN ENGLISH POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 27, 1985

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

I. The meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m.

II. Ruszkiewicz announced that Sutherland had presented the request for a Writing Lab Director's specialist position to the Executive Committee, which decided to delay consideration until the formation of the new Executive Committee.

III. Puangmali, who was invited for the purpose of explaining his research proposal involving several E 306 sections, gave an overview of his study and answered questions.

The committee expressed concern that the project might involve too much class time. Daniell and Frost suggested Mr. Puangmali sample whole classes rather than four or five students from each class.

Cherry suggested he sample two classes rather than five.

Bertelsen suggested we approve the project on the condition that Puangmali can get instructors to volunteer their class time for the project. Holt, Frost, and Cherry voiced agreement.

Frost moved that we approve Puangmali's research proposal and allow it to be presented to individual instructors, who would elect whether to participate in the study.

The motion was seconded by Bertelsen and carried unanimously by the committee.

IV. On Ruszkiewicz's request, the FEPC agreed to send a letter to Matthew Holicek, a UT Austin E 306 student who has won a Bedford Prize in student writing. Holt was commissioned to write the letter.

V. Ruskiewicz brought up discussion of procedure to choose the Assistant Director for 1985-86. Last year's procedure, Ruskiewicz explained, involved a recommendation from a subcommittee formed by the Director, Associate Director, and Assistant Director to the FEPC, with the FEPC having final authority. Frost moved, Byerman seconded, and the committee voted to adopt last year's procedure.

VI. Frost reported that the Executive Committee had made the following suggestions to the FEPC regarding textbook selection:

A. If faculty-authored textbooks are selected for approved use in E 306, instructors should have the option of choosing other approved texts. No faculty-authored text should be the only option in the course.

B. Textbooks should be approved for adoption by secret ballot.

Frost added the suggestion that if faculty texts make the first cut of the textbook subcommittee, Bertelsen and Byerman (not on the textbook subcommittee) should review the selections.

Frost announced that the subcommittee would be prepared to present handbooks for discussion at the next meeting.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.