

# Council supports E 346K decision

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The postponement of English 346K drew support from most members of the Cabinet of College Councils, which is composed of the presidents of UT college councils, in a special meeting Thursday night.

Approximately 25 students attended the meeting.

Michael Walker, pharmacy senior, said the postponement was admirable because the department was refusing to teach a course it admitted it "doesn't have a grip on."

Pablo Sanchez, architecture sophomore, said E 346K should be postponed until the department has "a handle on it."

George Wilkinson, mechanical engineering junior and president of the Student Engineering council, said he agreed that "there are no victims, no heroes and no villains" in the situation. But he questioned the English department's reluctance to teach composition to all University students.

William Sutherland, chairman of the Department of English, requested to speak before the council about the decision to postpone E 346K, said chairman Coby Chase, government senior.

A panel of four English department members addressed the council. They were Sutherland; Alan Gribben, associate professor; Wayne Reborn, professor; and Wayne Lesser, associate professor.

E 346K — Writing for Different Disciplines — became a requirement in the 1983-1985 catalog. The substantial writing course has never been offered on a full scale. It was indefinitely postponed as a requirement Feb. 15.

Lesser said that the department had realized that students in composition courses write better when given a specific focus to write about. E 346K was designed to supply that focus, but students often did not register for the proper section for their degree. Lacking a focus, instructors united the class with grammar and vocabulary.