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TO: Members of the English Faculty  
FROM: Joe Kruppa, Associate Chairman  
SUBJECT: 346K Evaluation

The 346K evaluation committee met for the second time on Wednesday, June 26.

1. Kruppa presented figures on staffing capabilities for fall, 1985.
2. Maxine Hairston visited the committee to answer questions about the document presented by the Rhetoric Interest Group. She argued that Freshman English, specifically 306, is central to the English Department. She acknowledged that making it an elective course has certain advantages, though other Colleges may want to require it. She linked support for 306 with the Graduate Program in Rhetoric, spoke about a possible Ford Foundation Grant which will center on writing programs, and emphasized the need to have graduate students in a training program. She drew a sharp distinction between English department members interested in literature and those primarily interested in writing and the teaching of writing. She affirmed that our version of 306 was "in the mainstream" of composition courses being taught around the nation. Finally, she argued that the proposal put forth by the Rhetoric Interest Group was workable both in terms of numbers and in terms of administrative costs.
3. Sutherland reported on the meeting he and Faigley had with the College of Communication to discuss the idea of a "Technical Communications Program." He also reported on a meeting with the College of Business (with Kruppa and Gribben) to discuss the role of "Business Communication."
4. The committee finished by discussing some of the general problems we face in approaching the question of "Who teaches writing?"

The next meeting will be held on either July 9 or 10. Again, we welcome your suggestions.

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