

# Status of lecturers still questionable

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Several Department of English faculty members believe it will be at least a year before departmental differences are resolved and UT English lecturers' quest for professional "legitimacy" ends.

The English Faculty Senate dissolved Tuesday a subcommittee studying problems surrounding the English lecturer positions after failing to reach a consensus about what the status of English lecturers should be.

Some department faculty members said lecturers should be given privileged seniority, while others said persons who recently have received doctorate degrees from the University should be given priority in hiring.

Still others said lecturers should be replaced with more tenure-track assistant professorships.

The senate decided Joseph Moldenhauer, department chairman, should appoint a new committee more representative of the department to study the different perspectives concerning the lecturers' situation.

The senate met Friday to discuss a proposal by Lesser that would divide the English department's non-tenure track instructors into three positions — "Lecturer I, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Lecturer II" — that would be one-year, renewable appointments.

Lecturer I positions would be open to people who recently have received doctorates in English from the University. Appointments could be renewed up to three years "upon evidence of competent and dedicated teaching."

Lecturers criticized Lesser's proposal because it rejects the notion that teaching improves with experience.

According to Lesser's proposal, teachers who served three years in Lecturer I positions would "automatically be classified in the Lecturer II category."

Lesser's proposal stipulates those in Lecturer II positions, whose teaching performance ranked among the top 50 percent of the Lecturer I group, would be hired — assuming a staffing need — before a recruit with a doctorate degree from another institution or UT department.