

DOCUMENTS AND MINUTES OF THE GENERAL FACULTY  
AND  
DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR 1986-1987

The University of Texas at Austin  
Main Building 212

Monday, November 17, 1986  
2:15 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPH OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN AT 2:00 P.M.  
ON SOUTH STEPS OF THE MAIN BUILDING.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Approval of Minutes.
  - A. Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 1986 (D&P 16542-16562/  
D&M 10979-10999).
- II. Secretary's Report (D&P 10967-10978).
- III. Discussion of Secretary's Report.
- IV. Questions to the President. (Limited to 30 minutes unless  
extended by vote of the University Council.)
  - A. Question Concerning a Policy About Substantial-Writing-  
Component Courses - William O. S. Sutherland (English).

The English Department offers a large number of substantial-writing-component classes. Both our own majors and students from other departments have had difficulty in securing places in courses which they need to take because of the high demand, campus wide, for such classes. I am concerned, first, that not all of our colleges are offering enough substantial-writing-component courses to allow their students to graduate; second, that there are almost no substantial-writing-component courses offered at the lower-division level; and thirdly, that the nature of English upper-division courses is being changed by the fact that many students are registering for them simply to fulfill a requirement rather than to study the subject.

My question is this. Since we are now preparing courses for the fall 1987 semester, would it be possible to establish a firm policy requiring each college to provide sufficient substantial-writing-component courses to take care of its own majors?

- V. Special Orders - none.
- VI. Petitions - none.
- VII. Unfinished Business.
  - A. Proposed Changes in the Writing Requirement in the College of Communication Part of the U.T. Austin Catalogue, 1985-1987 (D&P 10796-10797, 10831, 10889-10890/D&M 16526-16527) - Robert C. Jeffrey, Dean.
  - B. Changes in Chapters 6, 10, and 11 of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities, Appendix C, General Information Bulletin Part of the U.T. Austin Catalogue, 1986-1987 (D&P 10897-10951) - Ronald M. Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs.
- VIII. Reports - none.
- IX. New Business - none.
- X. Remaining Questions to the President.
- XI. Adjournment.

*H. Paul Kelley*  
H. Paul Kelley, Secretary  
The University Council