

Ruszkiewicz

FRESHMAN ENGLISH POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 23, 1986

Attending: Ruszkiewicz, Bertelsen, Daniell, Hedrick,  
Kearns, Lyons, Slatin

Absent: Frost

- I. Ruszkiewicz called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Daniell asked whether she should amend the minutes of the FEPC meeting of April 4 so that the members of the Graduate Student Advisory Board would read "Greg Lyons, JoAnn Campbell, Mara Holt" instead of "Hector Torres, JoAnn Campbell, and Mara Holt." She was instructed to make this change.
- II. Slatin moved that Hedrick and Kearns, already appointed FEPC members for the 1986-87 school year, be given the vote on matters that will affect freshman English next year. Bertelsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Ruszkiewicz brought up Frost's proposal for sending extra books in the Freshman Office to Third World universities. The consensus of the committee was to table this proposal until such time as Frost reports on machinery and technicalities.
- IV. Ruszkiewicz reported that the personnel subcommittee would like to interview Flood, Balester, and Hansen for the position of assistant director. Ruszkiewicz moved that the full committee accept this suggestion. Hedrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.  
  
Slatin moved that if the members of the personnel subcommittee arrive at a unanimous choice for Assistant Director, the name be circulated among the full committee on a "no protest" basis. Bertelsen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Ruszkiewicz opened the discussion of textbooks by reporting that two faculty members of the 15 who taught 306 this year responded to the textbook survey.

Greg Lyons was invited to join the meeting in order to report on a similar survey of AI's. Fifteen of 53 AI's responded. In general, this survey indicated strong positive opinions for Corder & Ruszkiewicz among the handbooks, for Axelrod & Cooper and Bruffee among the rhetorics, and for Kennedy & Kennedy among the readers. (A copy of the results of this survey is attached.)

Bertelsen moved that the committee keep the handbook list exactly as it is. Hedrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bertelsen moved that the list of rhetorics be amended by putting Bruffee on the main list and Kinneavy et al. on the approved variant list and by dropping Flower altogether. Ruszkiewicz asked that the motion be amended to include the shorter paperback edition of Axelrod & Cooper instead of the version used this year. Bertelsen accepted the amendment. Slatin seconded.

Lyons asked whether the committee had considered including Bazerman's rhetoric text for E 306. Bertelsen said that though he will use it in 309, he generally believes that Bazerman is inappropriate for 306.

Slatin called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Bertelsen again moved that the list of readers be retained as is. Hedrick seconded. Kearns asked whether any of these books include fiction. Ruszkiewicz replied that Shrodes et al. includes both fiction and poetry. Slatin pointed out that instructors of E 306 are free to copy short literary pieces, as long as they stay within copyright laws. The motion passed unanimously.

Kearns raised the point that one AI in the survey had requested a workbook. Ruszkiewicz said that the traditional policy has been not to adopt workbooks as regular course texts, since they smack of remediation. Slatin said that students who need this sort of work should be referred to the Writing Lab, which does excellent work.

- VI. Ruszkiewicz presented Steve Storla's request to interview E 306Q and E 306 students for his dissertation, handing out at the same time a written request from Storla which includes interview questions and his dissertation proposal.

Bertelsen moved that the FEPC approve Storla's request. Slatin seconded. Kearns offered a friendly amendment, that teachers be given access to the information Storla receives. Bertelsen and Slatin accepted the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

- VII. Bertelsen asked about Fracasso's plans for his variant 306 section. Daniell reported that Fracasso is ill. Slatin suggested that Fracasso be instructed to order books by July 1 and have the Director of Freshman English approve his reading and research paper plans before classes begin.
- VIII. Bertelsen moved to adjourn. Everyone seconded. Daniell noted that in all likelihood this is the last FEPC she and Ruszkiewicz will attend together, after an amazing three years of such meetings. Ruszkiewicz adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Deo Gratias.

Attachments: Results of E 306 AI textbook survey

MEMORANDUM

To: FEPC Members

From: Greg Lyons, Freshman English Advisory Board

Date: April 25, 1986

Here are the results of our survey of texts used in those sections of E 306 taught by assistant instructors. I have ranked them from highest (1) to lowest (5) within their category:

<u>Text</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>HANDBOOKS</b>		
Fowler (Little, Brown)	1	1
Corder & Ruszkiewicz	14	2
Guth	3	2.7
<b>RHETORICS</b>		
Bruffee	3	1
Axelrod & Cooper	8	1.8
Garrison	1	3
Kinneavy et al.	2	3
<b>READERS</b>		
Kennedy & Kennedy	10	1.6
Shrodes et al.	1	2
Atwan & Vesterman	1	3
Total # AI's surveyed	53	
Total # AI's responding	15	

Some of the respondents commented on individual texts, often at length. These commentaries are available for inspection in Parlin 16.

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