

MINUTES OF THE SENATE
Department of English

4 August 1981

2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Present: Moldenhauer (Chair); Bertelsen (for Simon), Boose (for MacKay), Cable, Carver (for Reed), Farrell, Flowers, King (for Heinzelman), Kinneavy, Kruppa, Lindfors (for Spivak), Megaw, Renwick (for Whitbread), Ruszkiewicz, Saldivar, Westbrook. Absent: Frost, Heinzelman, MacKay, Reed, Simon, Spivak, Whitbread.

1. The Chair welcomed the members of the Senate to their first meeting of the 1981-1982 year; additional members from the Lecturer and Assistant Instructor ranks would be elected in early September. Moldenhauer briefly discussed the procedures used to guarantee a quorum for this important meeting: runners-up were asked to substitute for those members of the professorial ranks who were unable to attend the meeting. Minutes of the Senate would be taken by the Administrative Secretary to the Chairman.
2. Committee Assignments. The Chair asked the Senate's advice on committee assignments for 1981-1982. After general discussion of procedure and specific suggestions about the membership of two committees, the Senate agreed that the Chair should seek to appoint the committees as possible; the Chair will advise the Senate on changes from the tentative committee list before the final assignments are distributed to the Department.

There was some discussion of the need for a special committee to represent the interests of the Lecturer group. The Senate was reminded that this was one area that was specifically deferred to the Senate by the Department in Spring 1981 (see departmental Minutes, 24 April). The Chair said that it would be placed on the Senate agenda in Fall 1981.

3. 1981-1982 Recruitment Policy for Positions Beginning in 1982-1983. The Chair reminded the Senate that the Department had delegated to the body its responsibility for determining general recruitment policy at the junior level. Although the Executive Committee retains authority for actual recruitment decisions, the Senate should agree on the areas crucial and desirable for recruitment purposes. The Chair said that there were three definitely open lines for 1982-1983 (the Abrahams/Green line, the Haney-Peritz line, and the Pavone line); others might come open due to retirements, etc.

The Chair asked the Senate to consider whether candidates should be recruited for specific areas. After general discussion of departmental needs, the Senate agreed that four areas should be specified in the MLA Joblist advertisement (Folklore, Lang/Ling, Romanticism, Technical Writing) and that two other areas might be mentioned as possibilities (Bibliography and World or Commonwealth Literature).

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There was general consensus that the recruitment committee could be composed of individuals who were not necessarily scholars in these fields; the initial screening of applicants for fields not represented in the recruitment committee membership would be through a "very coarse mesh," with specialist readers being consulted at an early stage.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.