

# Proposed E 306 changes could cost students more

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If proposed changes in the freshman English program are approved, a heavy demand for English 306 extension classes will not cost the University any money, University officials said Thursday.

But taking E 306 from the UT Extension Instruction and Materials Center will cost UT students more than traditional courses.

The proposal, made public Friday by the English Department's E 346K Committee, would require students to satisfy the E 306 requirement by transfer, examination, a summer course at the University or a course taught by a UT extension service.

Kathryn Allen, director of the UT Extension Instruction and Materials Center, said changing the E 306 program from an English Department program to an extension program would not create additional costs for the University, even if a large number of instructors would have to be hired.

The extension service currently does not offer an E 306 extension course.

"On the basis of everything I know at the moment, it would not cost the University anything," Allen said. "By statute, extension courses have to be self supporting. All our funds are generated by services rendered."

The \$108 tuition for each extension course should cover the \$1,800 lecturers are paid to teach the course, Allen said.

The new Student Information Book said students taking only the three-hour course from the UT English Department during the summer would pay \$103 in tuition and fees.

But John Ruskiewicz, director of freshman English, said most students do not take E 306 in the summer.

"Just about the only students who take it in the summer are pro-

visional students," Ruskiewicz said. Provisional students are students who do not meet regular UT admission requirements, he said.

"Most students take the course along with their other courses during the fall and spring term," Ruskiewicz said. "It's \$24 in the regular term versus \$108 in extension."

Students also would have to pay more for tuition if they take the course at nearby schools that offer a transferable course, officials of those schools said.

David Everett, a spokesman for Austin Community College, said ACC tuition is \$15 per semester hour plus fees. Taking an E 306 equivalent at ACC would cost \$69, Everett said.

ACC offers 77 sections of English 1613, an alternative to E 306, Everett said. He said ACC would add more courses if the University approved the proposed changes in the English department.

Administrators at Huston-Tillotson College said an equivalent course at HTC costs \$85 per semester hour, plus a \$45 fee, for a total of \$300.

St. Edward's University administrators said an E 306 equivalent costs \$131 per semester hour, plus a \$7 fee, for a total of \$400.

James Kinneavy, professor of English, said if the proposal is adopted, 4,000 students each semester would need to take E 306 by extension or transfer, which would require as many as 80 sections per semester.

Allen said the extension services would work with the UT English Department to hire the necessary instructors.

"Even if people are teaching three sections apiece, you'd need at least 25 to 27 people," Kinneavy said. "You're talking about a staff of 30 to 40 to 50 people — a major size department."