Calendar Report to FEPC: 398T Subcommittee

Unlike the textbook or personnel subcommittees, the 398T subcommittee has, as far as we have been able to determine, no recurring duties or procedures. However the committee expects to be concerned with the following matters:

- 1. The subcommittee proposes a bi-annual meeting of 398T instructors for the discussion of texts, policies, and procedures. The meetings would be held in the fall and spring semesters, approximately two weeks before textbook decisions must be made.
- 2. The committee intends to review the relationship between 398T and the apprentice program, perhaps polling the apprentices to determine whether they find the course a coherent part of their training program. (We have heard some complaints that the 398T's are organized around the day-to-day problems of T.A.'s; apparently, some apprentices feel excluded from discussion by their limited classroom experience.) The subcommittee will consider the advantages and disadvantages of a special 398T for apprentices and make a recommendation to the FEPC.
- 3. The subcommittee may attempt to define the 398T workload so that incoming T.A.'s (and new 398T teachers) know what to expect in terms of reading, writing, and preparation.