

Resolution requests E 346K substitutes

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A group of faculty members, instructors and students Monday called for the Department of English to reinstate several writing courses if it drops English 346K next year.

William Sutherland, chairman of the department, notified faculty members Friday the course had been postponed as a requirement for graduation.

The group unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the department to reinstate E 307, E 308, E 310 and E 317 — all composition courses — if it postpones the course for one year for evaluation.

The department abolished the four courses when it brought in E 346K last year.

The reinstated courses would be staffed by present faculty, in particular lecturers who will lose their jobs when E 346K is eliminated.

Approximately 65 people — including lecturers, professors and students — attended the group's meeting, which was called by Texas Association of College Teachers officers.

The group also adopted a resolution asking TACT officers and the UT Faculty Senate to see if the University violated a contractual obligation to students who were subject to the E 346K catalog requirement.

Sutherland said Wednesday deans are able to waive catalog requirements, and that the individual deans have waived the E 346K requirement.

The group also passed a resolution calling for the Counsel on Academic Freedom and Responsibility to investigate the decision to drop the course.

"This is a profound question of academic freedom," said Nick Dauster, assistant instructor in English. "Flawn, the University Council and the Centennial Commission put the course in, and a coup of sorts took the course away. Is it legal to do this?"

The group voted 43-1 to reaffirm its support for 346K and the overall University writing program. The course is an integral part of the writing program, the resolution states.

The group agreed it wanted to see factual evidence on the distribution of grades for the course. A high number of A's and B's given by lecturers teaching 346K was one reason given for postponing the requirement.

James Kinneavy, a professor of English, told the group he took a sample of grades and found a similar high percentage among courses taught by regular faculty members.