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LOWER DIVISION ENGLISH POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
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PRESENT: L. Brodkey, J. Duban, E. Fernea, S. Kimball, J. Ruskiewicz, J. Slatin, S. Hinman, S. Fowler, M. Villalobos.

L. Brodkey opened the meeting. She introduced the topic of possibly reconceptualizing the format of the E 306 course for the summer sessions. The reconceptualized E 306 would focus on a single theme/issue presented in a single book and assignments would be given covering this theme or issue. Her arguments against teaching regular E 306 during the summer were various: the brevity of the summer made it difficult for new AIs to teach E 306 with a regular rhetoric & reader to students who had just graduated from high school and had little college experience (Preview and Provisional programs students.) She asked for suggestions and assistance in finding five different books with a central theme that one could organize a course and term papers.

The D. C. Heath Anthology to American Literature was discussed as an alternate text for E 316K-American. Five members voted to adopt the text. One member voted not to.

The course proposals for E 309K that had been revised and resubmitted were discussed. The LDEPC requested that the title of Laura Grossenbacher's proposal "Writing about Failure and Success in Modern Literature", be changed to "Writing about Failure and Success in Modern America." The LDEPC voted to approve the proposal.

It was also requested that Margaret Downs-Gamble also change her title from "The Construction of Gender" to "The Literary Construction of Gender." The LDEPC voted to approve the proposal.

The question was raised of how Chris Webb would utilize the computer lab for his proposed course "Writing and Thinking on Issues in Education." John Slatin said that Webb wanted to work on Interchange. Brodkey said she wanted Webb to add smaller readings on education in addition to the text by Noll.

Topics for the next meeting agenda were presented. Slatin wants to discuss clearing up procedures on staffing the computer lab. Villalobos wants to discuss the future of the Writing Center. Duban directed LDE to contact Sharon Justice for funding for the Writing Center.