

Department of English Memorandum

To:

Minutes of University
Council Meeting Discussion

From:

The DRC

Date:

Fouken:

- Within purview of College of Liberal Arts.
Not actionable by University Council.

King

- Will resemble non-departmental teaching units. Decisions of faculty guide the division.
- Decision is final.

Bean

- Enthusiastic about recommendation for writing division.
- Symbolic importance of writing.

Nirken

- Establishing the basic writing skills of students.

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To:

Kruppa

From:

Date:

- Department surprised by implementation of program at beginning of the fall term.
- "full-scale, systematic implementation."
- Sect. 1 - proposal appears.
- No systematic consultation with anyone in the English Department
- Resembles 1985 proposal written by Rhetoric faculty.
- Procedures need to be followed.
- Troubling aspects from faculty.
- p. 2 sect. B
 - Supervisor of grad course 398T.
 - No mention of executive committee.
 - Administer budget, curriculum hiring, etc.

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- Unproven generalizations about the program. E 306/E 309 can't be a sequence.
- Composition. Crew controls the curriculum + hiring.
Not proper academic governance.

Spiriduso

- Many faculty concerned by way Division was created.
- Anxiety producing for faculty
- Wants elected faculty members on committee

Fanber⁶⁸

Some people will oppose it on any grounds.

- Kruppa aware as of June 10, not Sept. 1.

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- Relationships between Directors

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and faculty. See routine.

Date:

Beane

- This is a university-wide issue, not a single department issue. This is important in organizational sense + broad educational sense.

- Other schools have begun to set up writing courses. Not a good idea. Need a division for improving writing on a university-wide basis. Some day teach technical writing.

Foster Krupp

- A note of the recommendation.
- Objectivity to procedure: no consultation.

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To: • Need some sort of unity
From: program.
Date:

Fernea

- We all care about writing.
More than management structure.
- Division is not like other
units, Other divisions don't
create courses, supervise
TAs, establish courses.
- Symbolic value is marginally
whitonic.

Kinneavy

- Congratulates King for division.
- Approves of intent but does not
approve of the division.
- Strong support for grad
prog in rhetoric.

- Teach your dissertation
- What is the connection between rhetoric + comp now? (There is none?)
- What is the conceptual idea between $\Sigma 309$?

Question

- By what standards is unit measured now?
- What rationale for current program $\Sigma 309$
- What connection between current god program in rhetoric that would not be possible under division.

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• Appalled by loose procedural aspects.

From:

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- Did talk to King about division, theoretical concern is separating rhetoric and composition,
- Separation of theory and practice is always wrong,
- Current program is going along well,