

LOWER DIVISION ENGLISH POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February ~~28~~², 1989

Attending: Brodkey, S. Heinzelman, Henkel, Ruszkiewicz,
Piedmont-Marton, Weeda

Absent: Hilfer (exc.), Slatin (exc.), Twombly (exc.),
Trachsel

- I. Brodkey refused to call the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.
- II. TA/AI supervision has been proven to be spotty. (Weeda claimed about 30% compliance for the newly instituted TA supervision; much better for AI supervision.) Brodkey spoke to Sutherland about streamlining the process: Rather than submitting a full class set of papers, she suggested AI's submit a set of papers representative of letter grades received in the class. Brodkey also recommended stepping up the timetable for evaluation, conditions permitting.
- III. In informal discussion of the review of AI/TA suggestions for E 298T Practicum, the Committee decided that appropriate individuals would include representatives from the Lower Division English Policy Committee, the Graduate English Policy Committee, and those faculty scheduled to teach E 298T during Fall 1989 (Carton, Duban, Garrison, Hedrick). S. Heinzelman and Piedmont-Marton should certainly be included.
- IV. Ciciulla's E 309L proposal for Spring 1989 was post hoc approved, with option for continuance. Dauer's E 309K proposal was returned for changes and clarifications concerning writing instruction and assignments, based on concerns raised by Brodkey and Ruszkiewicz.
- V. The LDEPC will be concerned primarily, if not exclusively, in the adoption of a new small handbook to replace McMahan & Day's The Writer's Handbook. Rick Penticoff will sift the options currently available. No extensive review of texts by the Lower Division English Advisory Board is planned for the current publishing year. More than a few

discouraging words were heard about the representatives of publishing companies.

- VI. An informal discussion on appropriateness of use of notes from instructors after the fourth class day resulted in no motions. After Weeda declared his argument "incoherent," the concensus was that the discussion would be postponed to the next meeting.

- VII. Since the meeting was never called to order, the collective conscience decided it was inappropriate to adjourn. We may even now still not be there.