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Dear Steve and John,

The question of the composition of the Freshman English Policy Committe came up for discussion at the EC meeting this past week (all committees were considered). In the EC discussion and in a subsequent meeting with Moldenhauer, several points were made.

- 1. Joe had tentatively placed 8 faculty and 2 AI's on the committee. I showed him the "Rights and Responsibilities" of TA's, agreed to by the faculty in 1970, which called for equal representation of faculty and AI's and he agreed to cut down on the faculty and increase the AI membership. In the process several names were removed from his proposed list.
- 2. Moldenhauer is convinced the the FEPC should have a more open and expanded policy for faculty membership. He has had complaints that we have been running a sort of closed shop. I personally am not convinced that this is the case, but it does affect Joe's thinking on the matter.
 - 3. He asked me if there were any other constraints that had been used in determining membership in the past. I told him that it has been customary to restrict an Assistant Professor's membership to 2 years. Thus Carver, Garrison, Wittig, etc., only served 2 terms. In fact some have only served one term:

 Haney-Peritz, Saldivar. The reasons are obvious. Mainly the FEPC is a busy committee and is a serious drain on the time of a non-tenured person.
 - 4. Joe asked me about the quality of the service on the FEPC of each of you. I replied that both of you have been excellent committee members and that John has been a fine Associate Director. Cindy had expressed the hope that John would remain as Associate Director and I outlined to her the three concerns listed above and thanked her for her expression of opinion.

At the present time Joe is still mulling over the membership of the committee. However, because Cindy Selfe has approached me about this matter, I thought it best to advise both of you as to where matters stand.

By the way of a footnote I might add that I have suggested that Steve be appointed Chairman of the English Education Committee. We need a strong person to deal with teacher certification.

Sincerely,