

English lecturers' jobs in jeopardy

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The fate of Department of English lecturers will be discussed Thursday in a meeting of the departmental senate.

Joseph Kruppa, associate professor of English and an executive committee member, said the senate will discuss, among other proposals, a proposal concerning how long lecturers should serve full time, what to do with lecturers that have served six years and future policy concerning lecturers.

The senate meets at 3 p.m. in Parlin Hall 203.

The large number of lecturers in the Department of English is the result of a 3 percent increase in the University's enrollment in 1978.

The executive committee proposal consists of three parts. The first states: "The Lecturer position is a temporary, one-year or one-semester non-tenure accruing appointment."

The UT System Board of Regents has said lecturers are one-year temporary appointments that are non-tenure accruing. After the one-year contract runs out, the lecturer can immediately be re-hired to another one-year contract.

The American Association of Uni-

versity Professors, which is responsible for accrediting all universities, states that if teachers work full time — four courses per semester — for seven years, they are entitled to tenure in the eighth year.

The second part of the proposal deals with the conflict between the regents' policy and the AAUP law. The regents implied lecturers are temporary and the AAUP implied the positions are permanent after a certain period.

"A person may serve in the position of Lecturer no more than a total of eight long-session semesters at full time," the proposal states. "Anyone currently serving as a Lecturer who has already served a total of six long-session semesters may, if reappointed, serve no more than two more semesters at full time."

The third part of the proposal deals with policy concerning hiring decisions, which will be done based on merit. The priorities for hiring in order are: new Department of English Ph.D.s, continuing part-time lecturers and those who have taught fewer than eight semesters full time, lecturers with more than eight semesters who wish to teach part-time and new applicants.