

New rules adopted for English lecturers

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The Department of English Thursday created a "temporary policy" concerning the hiring of lecturers by deleting paragraphs of a document which had previously limited the number of semesters a lecturer in that department would be allowed to teach.

"This is just an amicable agreement to a problem that directly affects

a great number of people in the department," said Bill Sutherland, department chairman.

Department members voted 26-7 in favor of an amendment to a document, which was passed earlier this month regarding the number of semesters a lecturer will be allowed to teach. The amendment retains only the paragraphs of the original document that define the lecturer position and the paragraph concerning the hir-

ing of new lecturers.

The rest of the original document has been referred to special committee.

James Skaggs, a lecturer and author of the amendment, said the purpose of his amendment is to make sure the department has a hiring policy. "My intent is so we have a clear existing policy at the present time," Skaggs said.

Enough people in the English de-

partment signed a petition protesting against the original document to force the chairman to call a departmental meeting.

Issues resolved in a departmental meeting replace decisions made by the departmental senate.

Sutherland will appoint the members of the special committee.

The committee's purpose will be to

"examine the various lecture proposals and distribute its report to the department as soon as possible so that it may be acted on at a meeting of the department," according to the amendment.

The committee's report would be viewed only as a recommendation, said Alan Friedman, professor of English. "There is no intention of cutting off discussion or debate," he said.