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MEMORANDUM

To: All AI's and current second-year TA's
From: Lower Division English Policy Committee
Date:

Starting in the fall of 1989, beginning TA's will be required to sign up for a two-hour Practicum, E 298T, a graduate course given by the professor teaching the E 316K in which the TA's are working. The Practicum has been conceived as an opportunity to provide instruction in the current tasks in which the TA's are engaged as well as to prepare them for the independent teaching of E 316K. Consequently, any information and suggestions you can provide will help professors teaching the Practicum make it a valuable experience for the TA's. The results of this inquiry will be kept strictly confidential; you may or may not sign your name to it as you choose. Please take a few minutes to respond to the questions below. Leave your comments with Don Weeda in Parlin 129 by mid-November.

Thank you.

1. What aspects of your service as a TA were particularly beneficial to you as a graduate student and as a future teacher?
2. What kinds of things helped to make the course a good experience for the undergraduates?
3. What might be changed to the benefit of all involved?
4. Are there other concerns you have that are not addressed by this document? If so, please identify them.

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