

# Senate passes motions on lecturers status

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Lecturers should be hired only for the short term and their status should be defined, members of the University Faculty Senate said Monday. The senate unanimously passed two motions in an effort to alleviate problems encountered with the lecturer position.

The first recommendation urges deans and department administrators who hire a large number of lecturers to fill immediate vacancies to eventually replace those lecturers with more

qualified instructors. But the Senate did not specify how the departments could finance the more qualified staff.

"The idea is that you shouldn't put yourself in the position of hiring a person year after year after year for a job that requires someone of different stature," said Simon Bernau, secretary of the Faculty Senate and member of the senate's Committee on the Status/Role of the Lecturer.

The senate's second recommendation asks all departments to prepare a policy statement that would define the lecturer positions within the departments "and thus protect the rights of all

concerned."

Bernau, also a mathematics professor, said although departments could issue statements regarding the status of lecturers, those policies could as easily be changed, and departments would have only "moral obligations" to uphold them.

"However, if the policy were incorporated in the job offer, then I would think the policy would be legally binding," Bernau said.

In other business, the Faculty Senate heard a report on the status of English 346K.