

FRESHMAN ENGLISH POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 24, 1983

Attending: John Ruszkiewicz, Richard Simon, Beth Daniell, David McMurrey, Max Westbrook, David Joliffe, Susan Jarratt

Absent: Gary Underwood (attending GSC meeting), Greg Myers, Mary Trachsel, Val LeClercq

- I. Call to order
- II. Previous minutes approved.
- III. Discussion of Harper & Row proposal to test Kinneavy's freshman comp. text, Writing in the Liberal Arts Tradition, in 2-4 E306 sections next spring:
 - A. Advantages: classroom experience with a book we'll be considering for adoption
 - B. Disadvantages: (1) the flimsily-bound MS will cost students \$22.95 at the Co-op (\$15 for Harper & Row plus mark-up) with no resale project
(2) the project seems to be more a PR gimmick than a genuine attempt to test the book, since the type will be set before the semester ends
(3) we are under no obligation to Harper & Row to cooperate

Motion by Westbrook, amended by Daniell, passed unanimously: Harper & Row must provide books for \$5.00 to the Co-op (they'll add an approximate 30% mark-up) for 1 to 4 sections or we won't test them. John will present the terms to Harper & Row representative Russ Hall.

- IV. AI Supervision proposal
 - A. Advantages: AI's will be responsible for their own supervision and will have more involvement in the process; they will be able to choose an evaluator who shares interests, attitudes about teaching.
 - B. Disadvantages: too much paperwork, adversary relationship, a big change without knowledge or approval of majority of AI's, only a few faculty--teachers of graduate courses and rhetoric faculty--will

bear the burden of most supervision, all the evaluations will be positive ("sweetheart deals")

- C. Questions: is the new proposal legal? (what are we required by the university to do?) What's the purpose of evaluation--dossier materials for other schools? qualification for lecture-ship here? diagnosis of teaching strengths and weaknesses?

David will rewrite the proposal, maintaining the current method of selection of supervisors (random appointment by Freshman Office with AI option to request change within the first week). No AI will have the same evaluator two semesters in a row. He'll also combine 5B and C: evaluator's report on classroom visit and report of final conference.

The proposal will be discussed by FEPC and Sophomore Committee but must be passed eventually by Faculty Senate.

- V. John passed out old and new Statements on Scholastic Dishonesty for our perusal.
- VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting (Monday, October 31, 3 p.m., Parlin 8B): Harper & Row, AI Supervision continued; 106/206

Submitted by Susan Jarratt