

MINUTES

The Freshman English Policy Committee convened at 3:00, Wednesday, March 30 in Calhoun 221 with Ruszkiewicz, Hay, V. LeClercq, Lidoff, Underwood, Jolliffe, Merritt, and Trachsel in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Trachsel and updated by Ruszkiewicz, who reported that 50% of the incoming students will be entering under the new composition program, and 50% will be entering under the present one. According to the Composition Committee's preliminary report, no exit exam will be recommended for E306.

Hay reported that Gannaway is currently using a limited number of textbooks rather than Kinko's packets and plans to continue with her current texts if her course is approved for next year. The committee voted and approved Gannaway's alternative course proposal.

King described the shorter edition of Cowan's Writing and read a memo from Ray Cook describing some of the merits and deficiencies of the abridged version. After a brief discussion the committee voted to approve the abridged Cowan text as a substitute for the longer version.

The committee discussed McMurrey and Campman's Writing Fundamentals as a text to be used by students in the Writing Lab. Jolliffe will check with the lab to find out how many students are likely to use the text if it's recommended to students on the lab's information sheet.

The subcommittee presented its recommendations for the handbook decision. Harbrace received no support, having been recommended in the first place by King in a fit of crumudgeonry. Subcommittee members and several individuals from the faculty voiced support for Guth's New English Handbook and Norton's Writing. In particular, Dr. Twombly spoke warmly of the Norton text's treatment of the subjunctive. After some discussion a vote was taken. After two rounds of voting the committee decided to adopt the Guth handbook from Wadsworth. The committee was unable to decide who should notify the Wadsworth book rep, however.

It was decided that we would keep using the Bedford Reader and will probably adopt the new edition of the Little, Brown Reader. More discussion of readers will continue at the next meeting. Also scheduled for the next meeting is the subcommittee's recommendation for assistant director of composition.

Secretary
Mary Trachsel