

# Committee reviews E 346K proposal

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The committee evaluating English 346K may soon complete a proposal to determine the future of the controversial course suspended for next year, the committee chairman said Thursday.

Joseph Kruppa, committee chairman and associate chairman of the department, said he could not comment on the contents of the final proposal, nor would he comment on the rough draft discussed in a meeting Thursday.

The meetings have been closed to the public.

The draft of the proposal will be reviewed in the next 10 to 14 days, Kruppa said. The final draft will be acted upon by the Department of English faculty next fall.

Kruppa said the proposal might address "whether the English department could do it (offer courses such as technical writing) or should do it or should get help from other departments."

Alan Gribben, committee member and associate professor of English, said the draft in the next few days would be reviewed by colleges it might affect.

The final proposal "will offer a greater range of choices but will still retain the nine-hour rule," Gribben said.

Robert King, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, told the committee Tuesday he hoped the proposal would be reasonable, and recommended the proposal be finalized as soon as possible. Minutes from the Tuesday meeting were distributed Thursday.

King suggested the committee look into the use of writing samples and extension, or correspondence, courses for students to place out of English courses. "Some universities use writing samples," King said Thursday. "It's not a radical proposal."

King said he told the committee extension courses are good for many subjects. "I think it would take pressure off liberal arts courses," he said.

The minutes from Tuesday's meeting states King told the committee he would not recommend any solution that involved rehiring lecturers. The committee decided at an earlier meeting that their recommendation will not include hiring lecturers.

Lecturers, temporary instructors who are not on tenure tracks, staffed E 346K last year. The course, Writing in Different Disciplines, was a pilot program last year, and next year it would have gone into full effect.

James Kinneavey, professor of English, told the committee July 25 that students found E 346K valuable. He presented figures from teaching evaluations of the course as evidence.

Kinneavey argued the department should maintain a nine-hour English requirement. He said the department should try to reduce substantial writing component courses from two to one.