Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 1992
South Hall Conference Room, 2:10 p.m.

Present: Prof. J. Hayde, presiding;
Prof. R. Barrette, B. Cailin, L. DeAcetis, G. Diallo, H. Erdasheker, D.
Genova, D. Gracio, M. Kasab, J. Moghadam, J. Morales, J. O'Sullivan,
P. Read, A. Rento, H. Richardson, H. Schryer, J. Skurdenis; Ms. R.
Tobin. Student representative: Mr. M. Marcelle.

I. Minutes
Motion: To approve the minutes of April 29, 1992. Approved 13-0-1.

II. Communications
A. Prof. Diallo pointed out that she had sent a message to Prof. Hayde
indicating her inability to attend the CAS meeting held on April 29,
B. Prof. Hayde reminded the Committee that the next meeting of the CAS—
June 4, 1992—is the graduation and annual CAS spaghetti luncheon
meeting.

III. Student Appeals
A. Omnibus motion: To sustain the recommendations of the Subcommittee on
Student Appeals in its minutes of April 29, 1992, with the exception of
case no. 3. Approved 14-0-3.
B. Motion: To sustain the recommendations of the Subcommittee
in case no. 3. Approved 16-0-2.

IV. Subcommittee on Student Appeals
There will be a meeting of the Subcommittee immediately following
today's CAS meeting.

V. Old Business--"S" and "U" Grades
A. Motion: To reconsider the motion regarding "S" and "U" grades voted on
at the April 29 CAS meeting. Approved 13-4-2.
B. Motion: To approve the motion regarding "S" and "U" grades as presented
at the April 29 CAS meeting (motion follows). Approved 12-5-2.

Since English 01 and 02 are remedial courses in which
developmental writing takes place, student work is not yet expected to
be at college level. It does not serve the interest of the students or the
instructors to, in effect, penalize students at midterms with "D" and "F"
grades, or possibly mislead them with "A" and "B" grades. These grades
are not realistic assessments. No good purpose is served by assigning
an academic grade at midterm when the students are in the middle of the
process of learning to write. The students should not receive an
academic grade until the end of the semester when, it is hoped, their
writing skills will have developed to a satisfactory level.

For these reasons, we move that members of the English Department
be allowed to award midterms grades of "S" and "U"—or some other non-
academic equivalent—in remedial writing courses. The 'U' grade is to
be given for performance evaluated at 'D' or lower.
The "S" and "U" grading system, which will be instituted on a one-
semester trial basis, will be explained to the students in full at the
beginning of each semester.

VI. New Business--Permanent Suspension
The Committee will consider definitions of suspension during the fall,
1992 semester.

VII. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment
A. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 1992, South Hall
Conference Room, at 11:00 A.M.
B. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis J. Read
Recording Secretary