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MEMORANDUM

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From SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Subject REPORT ON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES
- 1974-75 - FOR INFORMATION

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The last report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies was placed before the Senate meeting of July, 1974. Because, at that time, Senate was beginning to require formal reports from its Committees, an activity which had not been undertaken up to that point, that report dealt with the period between the establishment of the Committee in March, 1971 and June, 1974. The first two sections of this report dealt with the establishment, terms of reference and operating procedures of the Committee and with its membership. Some changes have taken place in the membership of the Committee; but there are no other developments to report in either of these two categories. They are therefore omitted, except for the attachment of a list of the current members of the Committee (attachment I).

1. Actions taken under the terms of reference.

- A. To consider and make recommendations to Senate on all existing and proposed courses taking into consideration:
- i. the Universities academic standards; and
 - ii. the need for coordination of all undergraduate activities within the University.

The Committee indicated in its last report that the major part of its time had been spent fulfilling this part of its charge. This, as is probably inevitable, has once again been the case and, during the last year, the Committee has brought to Senate a total of 49 papers dealing with various aspects of curriculum and course development in a number of University departments. These have included major curriculum overhauls in the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of English, the Department of History and the Department of Geography. Most of the other papers submitted have dealt with the introduction of new courses, although some larger programs, such as the introduction of a B.A. degree in Mathematics and of a joint degree in Philosophy, Linguistics and Psychology, have also been considered.

- B. To review the results of current evaluation processes and bring significant discrepancies to the attention of Senate, the Faculties and the Departments concerned.
- C. To recommend to Senate grading and examination practices appropriate to the University's educational process to ensure:

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- i. reasonably consistent and equitable evaluation practices within and across courses; and
- ii. continued maintenance of high academic standards.

During the Fall semester, 1974, the Committee once again took up a number of the questions mentioned in the last report. In particular, attention was directed towards the various reports on grading which the Committee had received and, related to this, the question of course withdrawal. Since that time, a great deal of discussion of these questions and of the Committee's draft reports on them has been undertaken. It has not yet, however, been possible to bring final recommendations on these problems to Senate. It is nevertheless to be hoped that this will be achieved during the coming year.



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SENATE COMMITTEES

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13. SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES (standing)
(Reporting Category "B")

<u>Members</u>	<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiry Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
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Chairman: The Chairman of the Committee will be designated by the Vice-President, Academic.

Quorum: One half of the voting members of the Committee with at least one member of each Faculty (which could include Deans).

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(1) the University's academic standards;
(2) the need for coordination of all undergraduate academic activities within the University.

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Original approved by Senate March 1, 1971. Membership and quorum revised January 6, 1973. Restructured August 12, 1974.