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MEMORANDUM

To..... SENATE

From..... H. M. EVANS

..... REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF SENATE

Subject..... COURSE CHALLENGE

Date..... MARCH 28, 1972

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Subject to the content of reports from the Deans of Faculties,

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Attached, as Appendix A, are tabulations concerning Course Challenges in the three semesters, 71-2, 71-3, 72-1.

Deans of Faculties have been requested to ascertain the positions of their Faculties on the principle of Course Challenge, and to be prepared to speak to this topic at Senate if necessary (Appendix B).

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COURSE CHALLENGE REGISTRATION1971 SUMMER SEMESTER

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED	GRADE ASSIGNED		
			SUCCESSFUL	UNSUCCESSFUL	UNATTEMPTED

FACULTY OF ARTS

French	151	12	12		
French	152	11	11		
German	102	6	6		
German	103	5	5		
German	201	1	1		
German	202	1	1		
Spanish	102	1	1		
Spanish	103	1	1		
Geography	101	1	1		
Geography	161	1	1		

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Math	151	1	1		
Math	152	1		1	

<u>TOTAL</u>		42	41	1	
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COURSE CHALLENGE REGISTRATION

1971 FALL SEMESTER

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED	GRADE ASSIGNED	
			SUCCESSFUL	UNSUCCESSFUL UNATTEMPTED
<u>FACULTY OF ARTS</u>				
French	151	25	23	2
French	152	20	18	2
French	201	10	10	
French	202	7	7	
German	102	10	9	1
German	103	8	8	
German	201	4	4	
German	202	3	3	
Russian	102	1	1	
Spanish	102	7	5	2
Spanish	103	4	4	
Spanish	201	2	2	
Spanish	202	2	2	
Economics	200	1	1	
Economics	205	1	1	
Commerce	323	2	2	
Geography	101	1	1	
Geography	162	1	1	
Geography	151	1	1	
Geography	161	1	1	
<u>FACULTY OF SCIENCE</u>				
Bisc.	003	1	1	
Bisc.	101	1		1
Bisc.	102	1		1
Bisc.	201	2		2
Bisc.	202	2	1	1
Math	151	3		3
Math	161	1	1	
Math	232	1	1	
Math	251	1	1	
TOTAL		124	109	15

COURSE CHALLENGE REGISTRATION

1972 SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED
FACULTY OF ARTS		
French	151	8
French	152	14
French	201	2
French	202	3
German	102	12
German	103	7
German	201	8
German	202	7
Russian	102	3
Russian	103	4
Russian	201	4
Spanish	102	2
Economics	236	1
Commerce	323	1
Geography	161	1
Geography	314	1
Geography	404	1
FACULTY OF SCIENCE		
Bisc.	101	1
Bisc.	102	3
Bisc.	301	1
Math	106	3
Math	150	1
Math	151	2
Math	205	1
Math	232	1
Math	352	1
TOTAL		93

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cc. D. Meakin
Secretary of SUAB

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Appendix B.

To DEANS OF FACULTIES

From H. M. Evans

Registrar and
Secretary of Senate

Subject COURSE CHALLENGE

Date March 21, 1972.

Senate, at its meeting of May 10, 1971, under Paper S.71-57 approved procedures for Course Challenge for a number of courses for a one-year trial period. On October 4, 1971, under Paper S.71-108 Senate empowered SUAB to make minor amendments to the original paper as necessary during the one-year trial period.

There have been very few written comments received by SUAB or this office since the commencement of the challenge system. A report is being prepared for Senate relating to the continuation of the Course Challenge principle, and identifying numbers participating in the various courses.

It would be appreciated if you would indicate the position of your Faculty in respect of continuation of the principle of Course Challenge, as Senate will be required to decide at the meeting of April 10th whether or not registrations for Course Challenge will be accepted for the Summer Semester 1972.

In the event that the principle is continued for the Summer Semester 72-2, it seems obvious that current operating procedures would need to be continued for that semester. In the event that Senate were to adopt the principle of Course Challenge to be continued thereafter, a review of the procedures would be in order and Departments would be given opportunity to provide through their Faculties comments and recommendations designed to modify and improve procedures for following semesters.

It will be recalled that course challenge can be available on any course so designated by a Department and approved by SUAB on behalf of Senate.

Would you please indicate to me the general position of your Faculty in respect of continuation of the principle of Course Challenge and be prepared to speak to this topic, if necessary, at the April meeting of Senate.

I would appreciate replies by March 28th if possible, and not later than April 6th.

Harry M. Evans

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APPENDIX C to

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. H. Evans, Registrar
and Secretary of Senate

From D.H. Sullivan, Dean

Faculty of Arts

Subject Course Challenge

Date April 5, 1972

This is in reply to your memorandum of March 21, 1972 in which you asked to have the position of our Faculty with respect to the continuation of the principle of course challenge.

The Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee discussed Course Challenge at its meeting of March 30, 1972. In particular the three departments in the Faculty of Arts who have approved courses for challenge gave their views of the course challenge system as it presently exists. While the comments were generally favourable, it was difficult, in view of the shortness of time, to prepare a definitive Faculty statement on the continuation of the principle of course challenge. However, the Committee felt that course challenge should continue through the Summer Semester, and as soon as possible they would like to receive from your office more data on how many course challenges have been made, how many students passed the courses challenged, how many people failed, etc. The Committee will then take a more detailed look at course challenge during the Summer Semester before recommending that it be adopted on a permanent basis. The Committee also wished to indicate that their only concern at this time is that if Course Challenge is adopted on a continuing basis, procedures should be such that any possible abuse of the system can be controlled.



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cc. Ross Saunders

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Mr. H.M. Evans,
Registrar and
Secretary of Senate.

From Dr. J.S. Barlow,
Associate Dean of Science.

Subject Course Challenge

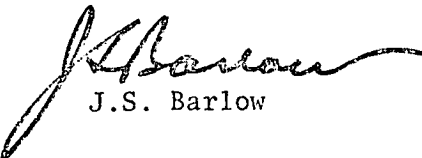
Date April 5, 1972

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your request of March 25th for information from the Faculty of Science regarding the possible continuation of the course challenge system was circulated to the Departments. On the whole, the responses have been favourable to a continuation of this program.

Only one department has foreseen any difficulty with the program. They fear that students may audit the course and take the course credit examinations thus avoiding out-of-class assignments which the department considers essential to the proper education of the student, though not essential for the passing of examinations. On the other hand, a second department suggests that the course challenge procedure be used to implement a system of supplementary examinations for students who have done poorly in a particular course. This department sees no loss in the educational value providing the student has indeed prepared himself sufficiently to pass the usual examination of the course.

In the summary then, the Faculty of Science is in favour of continuance of the course challenge procedure and we would suggest that the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board debate and resolve the problems mentioned above: should students be allowed to audit or even to register in a course, avoid the final examination, and later challenge the course according to the course challenge procedure. Should the course challenge procedure be made available as a means of writing supplemental examinations.


J.S. Barlow

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