

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S. 72-90

MEMORANDUM

MEMBERS OF SENATE

From SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject

COURSE CHALLENGE

Date JULY 19, 1972

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2. "That a performance equivalent to a grade of C or higher in the course be required for a successful Course Challenge."
3. "That departments be free to hold Course Challenge examinations during the semester after the formal period of registration for Course Challenge. (As previously, the result of the challenge must be submitted to the Registrar on or before the last day for submission of regular grades for the course.)"
4. "That students not be permitted to challenge courses they have previously failed at Simon Fraser University."

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MEMORANDUM

To H. M. EVANS

From D. MEAKIN, SECRETARY

SECRETARY OF SENATE

SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject COURSE CHALLENGE

Date 19TH JULY, 1972

The attached paper, SUAB 41, was considered by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board at a meeting on July 18th, 1972.

The three recommendations contained therein were approved unanimously by the Board, and a fourth recommendation was added, also by unanimous vote. The following four recommendations are, therefore, submitted for approval by Senate:--

1. That the present system of Course Challenge be adopted on a continuing basis.
2. That a performance equivalent to a grade of C or higher in the course be required for a successful Course Challenge.
3. That departments be free to hold Course Challenge examinations during the semester after the formal period of registration for Course Challenge. (As previously, the result of the challenge must be submitted to the Registrar on or before the last day for submission of regular grades for the course).
4. That students not be permitted to challenge courses they have previously failed at Simon Fraser University.

As a result of some of the comments received from departments, the Board also discussed:--

- a) evaluation mechanisms -- it was decided that this should be left to the discretion of the departments and no recommendations for change are made;
- b) fee structure -- no changes are suggested.

Encl.
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TO: SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD
FROM: DR. D. MEAKIN, SECRETARY OF S.U.A.B.
DATE: 12TH JULY, 1972

SUBJECT: COURSE CHALLENGE

INTRODUCTION

Senate approved a system of Course Challenge for an experimental three-semester period (semesters 71-2, 71-3, 72-1). It was extended by Senate for an additional semester (72-2).

A paper (S.72-45, Appendix I attached), proposing continuation of Course Challenge was submitted to the April meeting of Senate by the Registrar. This paper contained detailed statistics on the use of Course Challenge. As a result of this paper, Senate passed the following motion:--

" That the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board review procedures, with Departments given opportunity to provide through their Faculties any comments and recommendations designed to improve procedures, and with report back to Senate for the July, 1972, meeting if possible, with such recommendations as are deemed desirable. "

This paper has been prepared in response to the motion.

PRESENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

A copy of the policy statement approved by Senate and as subsequently amended is attached as Appendix II. A statement of the regulations as prepared for students by the Registrar is attached as Appendix III.

SURVEY OF DEPARTMENTS

A questionnaire was recently circulated to all departments and Deans on behalf of S.U.A.B. A copy of this questionnaire, showing

the results, is attached as Appendix IV.

Nine departments responded -- these included all departments which offer courses for challenge, other than the Department of Modern Languages.

The departments which responded clearly favoured retention of the Course Challenge system. It also appears that only minor modifications to the policies and procedures are desired.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO SENATE

1. That the present system of Course Challenge be adopted on a continuing basis.
2. That a performance equivalent to a grade of C or higher in the course be required for a successful course challenge.
3. That departments be free to hold Course Challenge examinations any time during the semester after the formal period for registration for Course Challenge. (As previously, the result of the challenge must be submitted to the Registrar on or before the last day for submission of regular grades for the course).

RATIONALE

The recommendations are based on the results of the questionnaire sent to the departments.

Recommendation 1: Departments using Course Challenge clearly favour its retention.

Recommendation 2: Considerable concern has been expressed that there is no defined standard for Course Challenges. Further concern has been expressed by faculty about the number of marginal challenges that they felt they had no real justification for recording as unsuccessful. These concerns are reflected in the results of the questionnaire -- one respondent indicated a B standard should be required, five indicated a C standard, and zero indicated that a bare pass should suffice.

Recommendation 3: There was no indication that departments desire a set period for Course Challenge examinations. Registration for Course Challenge continues through the first week of classes. Any time after this period appears appropriate for examinations.

PAPER SUAB 41 - APPENDIX I
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S.72-45

MEMORANDUM

SENATE

From H. M. EVANS

REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF SENATE

Subject COURSE CHALLENGE

Date MARCH 28, 1972

- MOTION:
1. "That the principle of Course Challenge be continued with registrations permitted for the Summer Semester 72-2."
 2. "That for registrations in Course Challenge for the Summer Semester 72-2 current regulations be applied."

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

- MOTION:
1. "That the principle of Course Challenge be adopted on a continuing basis."
 2. "That the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board review procedures, with Departments given opportunity to provide through their Faculties any comments and recommendations designed to improve procedures, and with report back to Senate with such recommendations as are deemed desirable."

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MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From H. M. EVANS

REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF SENATE

Subject COURSE CHALLENGE

Date MARCH 28, 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.

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).

Recommendations:

1. That the principle of Course Challenge be continued with registrations permitted for the Summer Semester 72-2.
2. That for registrations in Course Challenge for the Summer Semester 72-2 current regulations be applied.

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

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COURSE CHALLENGE REGISTRATION1971 SUMMER SEMESTER

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	NUMBER OF STUDENT'S ENROLLED	GRADE ASSIGNED		
			SUCCESSFUL	UNSUCCESSFUL	UNATTEMPTED
<u>FACULTY OF ARTS</u>					
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		
<u>FACULTY OF SCIENCE</u>					
Math	151	1	1		
Math	152	1		1	
<u>TOTAL</u>		42	41	1	

COURSE CHALLENGE REGISTRATION

1971 FALL SEMESTER

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

FACULTY OF ARTS

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	

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

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
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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.

Henry M. Evans

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MEMORANDUM

S. 72-45

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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MEMORANDUM

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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

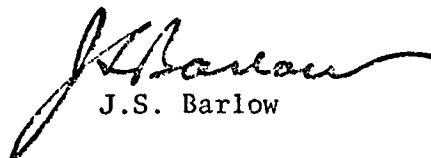
Date..... April 5, 1972

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 less 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

JSB:dep

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MEMORANDUM

To SENATE

From B. G. WILSON, VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC
AND CHAIRMAN, SENATE UNDERGRADUATE
ADMISSIONS BOARD

Subject COURSE CHALLENGE, S.71-57

Date APRIL 16, 1971

MOTION: "That Senate approve the proposal contained in Paper S.71-57 for Course Challenge for a one-year trial period, and for the courses ~~indicated~~ approved for challenge by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board"

Amendment made on floor of Senate.

Note: The attached paper is a revision of Paper S.71-37, previously considered by Senate and referred back to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board.

Approved.
S. 71-57

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF SENATE FROM: DR. B.G. WILSON, ACADEMIC
VICE-PRESIDENT, AND CHAIRMAN,
SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 1971
REVISED: APRIL 8, 1971

SUBJECT: COURSE CHALLENGE

During its consideration of the Ellis Report, Senate approved in principle a programme of Course Challenge. The Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board were directed to develop, with interested Departments, a detailed proposal which would be submitted to Senate for approval. It was suggested in the Ellis Report that it be implemented initially for a one-year trial period.

The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Standings developed a proposal which was forwarded to Departments for their comments. The Departments were asked if they would participate, what courses would be available for Course Challenge, and what assessment procedures would be used. Only a limited number of replies were received, and not all supported the idea of Course Challenge.

MOTION MOTION: That Senate approve the attached proposal for Course Challenge for a one-year trial period, and for the courses ~~indicated~~ *approved for challenge by the SUEB*

Other Departments wishing to participate could do so by submitting details to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board.

The attached proposal was approved unanimously by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board.

If this proposal is approved at the May meeting of Senate, in order that it may be implemented during Summer Semester, 1971, S.U.A.B. approved an extension of the Course Challenge registration period to May 21st, 1971.

The following comments, which do not form a part of the motion, are given for the information of Senators.

1. Restriction of number of credits that may be taken by Course Challenge is recognition that university experience involves more than accumulation of credit.

2. The freedom to elect to offer or not to offer the opportunity for Course Challenge should be left entirely to the department involved. There is no indication in the Ellis Report that Course Challenge is to be forced on all departments in the University.
3. Revoking a student's Course Challenge privilege after he has had two unsuccessful challenges is to prevent frivolous abuse of the Course Challenge procedure.
4. An examination fee appears to be in order. It is proposed that this be equal in magnitude to the regular per unit fee for registration. If this is not done, Course Challenge may be abused for the purpose of avoiding fees.
5. Course Challenge credit should not be involved in semester load, or semester or cumulative grade point average. This would cloud scholarship, Canada Student Loan and other matters related to semester load.

Encl.

COURSE CHALLENGE

Course Challenge is a method by which a student may obtain credit for course material which he has learned elsewhere (i.e. outside the University). Course Challenge credit is not normally available for courses which a student audits and subsequently decides to take for credit.

IMPLEMENTATION

Immediately on approval by Senate.

COURSES AVAILABLE

Course Challenge is available on any course so designated by a Department and approved by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board. The following courses are available initially:-

<u>Department</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Availability</u>
Biology	All courses, except research courses.	Every semester.
Chemistry	104, 105.	Summer, 1971.
Geography	All courses.	Every semester.
Mathematics	141, 151, 152.	Any semester in which they are offered. (Currently, every semester).
Modern Languages	French 151, 152) 201, 202) German 102, 103) 201, 202) Russian 102, 103) 201, 202) Spanish 102, 103) 201, 202)	Every semester.

Notes on Modern Language Challenges:-

- ~~1. A student is allowed a maximum of 8 semester hours of course challenge credit in each of the above languages.~~
2. A student would be given full credit for the language course successfully challenged, plus the course immediately preceding it in sequence, assuming that this has not already been taken for credit in the regular manner.

Deleted by SVAB,
Fall, 1971

~~N.B. A student who is excluded from language courses below the 300 level because of his native, or near native fluency in a language (see Calendar, Page 132) will automatically be given 8 hours of unassigned credit in that language.~~

Redundant - DML requires such students to register for challenge.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

The student is subject to an assessment equivalent to the final examination for the course, plus an interview which may include an oral and/or a practical examination, all to be arranged and approved by the Chairman of the Department involved.

RULES

1. A maximum of 60 semester hours of credit may be obtained by the combined mechanisms of Course Challenge and Transfer Credit.
2. A student is not entitled to register for Course Challenge credit if he has previously applied unsuccessfully for Course Challenge credit in two courses.
3. A student must register for Course Challenge credit during the period allowed for addition of courses in the particular semester (but see note above concerning extension for Summer Semester, 1971).
4. The statement of the final disposition of the Course Challenge attempt must be submitted to the Registrar on or before the last day for submission of regular grades in the same semester.

PROCEDURE

1. Student obtains Course Challenge Registration Form (CCR) from Registrar's Office.
2. Student seeks approval of Department Chairman to register for a course challenge in that Department. Approval indicates willingness of the Department to administer the necessary examinations and interview for that student.
3. Student returns CCR to Registrar's Office. Fees will be assessed as if he were registering in the course in the normal way (that is, on the total number of hours for which he is registered in that semester, both normally and for course challenge).

4. If the student fails to achieve the minimum satisfactory standard, a notation to that effect is conveyed to the Registrar for inclusion in his dossier. No notation appears on the student's transcript. If he fails to undertake the assessment, that information is conveyed to the Registrar, also for inclusion in his dossier, but not in his transcript.
5. If the student performs successfully, the department forwards a notation to that effect to the Registrar for inclusion in normal fashion in his transcript entry for that semester. The grade should be signed by the examiner and the Department Chairman. The entry "CC" goes into the grade column, with an explanatory note on the transcript. Grade points are not calculated, nor are units used in the computation of grade point averages.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS FROM REGISTRAR



REGULATIONS GOVERNING COURSE CHALLENGE; EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 1971

Senate has approved, for a one-year trial period (Semesters 71-2, 71-3, 72-1), for courses recommended by Departments and approved by the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board, the principle of course-challenge.

Operating regulations appear below. For the Fall Semester 71-3 course-challenge registration will be open from September 9 to September 15 with forms available at the Registrar's Office. During the trial period it will be necessary that regulations be stringently applied.

1. Course-challenge is a method by which a student may obtain credit for course material which he has learned elsewhere (i.e., outside the university).
2. To be eligible for course-challenge the student must be (a) registered in the semester for regular courses and register also for course-challenge in other courses, or (b) eligible for regular registration in the semester but register only for course challenge. Normally, applications for admission and registration must be filed in the usual manner subject to the usual dates and fees.
Course-challenge is not permitted for a course for which credit has already been obtained here or through transfer credit. A student may not register in one semester both for regular enrolment and for course-challenge in the same course at the same time, but must select one or the other and may not change that decision in that semester later than seven days following the commencement of university classes.
3. A maximum of 60 semester hours of credit may be obtained by the combined mechanism of course-challenge and transfer credit.
4. A student is not entitled to register for challenge credit if he has previously been registered for course-challenge credit in two or more courses without success.
5. Course-challenge credit is not normally available for courses which a student audits and subsequently decides to take for credit.
6. A student must complete registration for course-challenge credit not later than seven days following the commencement of university classes. For the current semester, the last date is September 15th.
7. Course-challenge credit does not form part of semester load, is not included in calculations of semester or cumulative grade-point averages, and cannot be applied in any way towards application for scholarships, bursaries or loans.
8. (a) The fee for each course for which registered for course-challenge is \$15 per semester hour assessed in the same manner as if the student were registering in the course in the normal way, that is

on the total number of hours for which registered a semester for regular course enrolment, or for in the semester both normally and for course-challenge. (b) The maximum fee payable in course-challenge, or for combination is \$214 (exclusive of any student activity or other special fee payable). (c) Up to the end of the seventh day following the commencement of university classes a student may change registrations from course-challenge in one course to course-challenge in another or to regular enrolment in courses, or from regular enrolment to course-challenge, or combinations of course-challenge and regular enrolment in different courses, with fees payable as described above, and the fees interchangeable on such substitutions. (d) Note, however, that course-challenge fees are not transferable from one semester to another and that the schedule of refunds which applies to tuition fees does not apply to course-challenge fees and no part of a course-challenge fee is refundable. If, therefore, registration is made for course-challenge in a given course and there is not substitution of a regular enrolment by the end of the seventh day, the course being challenged will continue to carry full weight in fee calculations even though there may later be request for withdrawal or to substitute other courses. After that date, no further course-challenge changes will be authorized. (e) It is essential that any changes related to course-challenge be filed in the Registrar's Office by the time noted. (f) Students registered in twelve or more hours may add course-challenges without additional fee, but would not qualify through regular course withdrawals for refunds until the combined registrations through regular enrolment and course-challenge falls below twelve hours.

9. The statement from the Department concerned indicating the final disposition of the course-challenge in the semester must be submitted to the Registrar on or before the last day for submission of regular grades in the course for that semester. There is no provision for extensions or deferrals. Results will be recorded by departments as "successful", or "unsuccessful" or "unattempted". Successful results will appear on transcripts and statements of standing with the entry "CC" in the grade column and with credit shown. At the end of term, unsuccessful or unattempted results will not appear on transcripts or statements of standing but will be held in internal records by the Registrar's Office.
10. A student who has been registered for course-challenge is subject to an assessment equivalent to the final examination for the course, plus an interview which may include an oral and/or practical examination, all to be

arranged and approved by the Chairman of the Department involved.

11. Any student who wishes to register for course-challenge in the current semester should obtain a Course Challenge Registration form from the Registrar's Office, seek the approval of the appropriate Department Chairman to register for course-challenge in that Department, and return the completed form to the Registrar's Office not later than September 15.
12. The undergraduate courses approved for course-challenge for the Fall Semester 71-3 are as indicated below. There may be additions or deletions to these listings for subsequent semesters.

Notes on Modern Language Challenges:- (1) A student would be given full credit for the language course successfully challenged, plus the course immediately preceding it in sequence, if not already credited. However, the student formally would register for both the more advanced course and the preceding course, with any necessary fees. If "successful" in the more advanced course, the Department may indicate "successful" at both levels. If without success at the advanced level, challenge of the lower level for which registered should be undertaken to avoid two challenges without success as that result would eliminate opportunity for any further course-challenges.

Department	Courses	Availability
Biology	All courses, except research courses	Every Semester
Chemistry	Chem 104, 105	" "
Economics & Commerce	Econ 200, 205 Comm 235, 236 323	" "
Geography	All courses	" "
Mathematics	All courses except honours essay, directed studies, selected topics.	" "
Modern Languages	French 151, 152, 201, 202	" "
	German 102, 103	" "
	201, 202	" "
	Russian 102, 103	" "
	201, 202	" "
	Spanish 102, 103	" "
	201, 202	" "

SUAB 41 - APPENDIX IV

TO: CHAIRMEN OF ALL
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

FROM: DR. D. MEAKIN, SECRETARY,
SENATE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS BOARD

DATE: 25TH MAY, 1972

SUBJECT: COURSE CHALLENGE

At the April meeting of Senate, the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board were directed to review the Course Challenge procedures and report back to Senate with such recommendations as are deemed desirable.

As part of the charge, Senate directed that Departments be given the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations.

I have attached a brief questionnaire which covers some of the points which have been raised previously. Additional comments or recommendations are welcome and will be presented to the Senate Undergraduate Admissions Board for their consideration.

It would be appreciated if I could receive your comments by June 21st, 1972.



Encl.
DM:bc

cc: Dr. P. Belton, Chairman, S.U.A.B.
Prof. D.H. Sullivan, Dean of Arts
Dr. S. Aronoff, Dean of Science
Dr. D.R. Birch, Dean of Education
Mr. H.M. Evans, Registrar

NOTE: 9 departments, including the Faculty of Education, replied to this questionnaire. The Department of English stated that they were not interested in Course Challenge and, therefore, did not answer any questions.

COURSE CHALLENGE

1. Do you recommend that the University continue to accept the principle of Course Challenge? 7 1
Yes No
2. If Course Challenge is continued on a permanent basis, will your department:
- a) Make more courses available for challenge 1
 - b) Make less courses available for challenge 0
 - c) Have the same number of courses available 6
3. Should a student be allowed to challenge a course he has previously failed? 2 4
Yes No
4. Should there be a set period for Course Challenge examinations? 4 No
- 1 Yes - start of semester
- 2 Yes - end of semester
5. Should a definite standard be set for awarding a Challenge pass? 1 Yes - equivalent to a B
- 5 Yes - equivalent to a C
- 0 No - any pass is sufficient
6. Do you have any recommendations that would help ensure that adequate standards are maintained?
7. Other comments and recommendations - please use additional sheet.

NAME _____ DEPARTMENT _____ DATE _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. A suggestion was made (by Chemistry) that the Course Challenge system could perhaps be incorporated into a supplementary examination system.
2. When a student applies to challenge two courses, one of which is prerequisite to the other, the approval of the second course challenge should be contingent upon the successful completion of the first, or prerequisite, course challenge exam. (Math)

There should be a limitation on the number of course challenges for which a student may apply per semester without charge. It is suggested that a student be permitted to enroll in a maximum of 21 semester hours of combined regular and course challenge credit per semester without extra cost. A student who applies for course challenge credit which would bring his combined total above 21 hours should be assessed an additional fee. (Math)