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Limitation of Students Participating in Honors Program

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TO: President Werner A. Baum

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The Attached BILL, titled Limitation on Students Participating in Honors Program

is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on April 16, 1970.

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Trustees, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on May 7, 1970, three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Trustees for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Trustees, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

April 17, 1970

Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. Approved

3. (if approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Trustees is not necessary.

(date)

President

Form approved 11/65
ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

_________________________ (date) ____________________/s/ President

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, via the University President.

1. Forwarded.

_________________________ (date) ____________________/s/ (Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: The University President

1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

_________________________ (date) ____________________/s/ President

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

_________________________ (date) ____________________/s/ Chairman of the Faculty Senate
I. Recommendation:

The Coordinator of the Honors Colloquium may propose, and the Honors Program Committee may put into effect, measures to limit the number of students enrolled in the Honors Colloquium. Such measures may consist of:

1. exclusion from the Colloquium of Seniors not participating in the departmental or college honors thesis phase of the program;
2. an increase in the required minimum quality point average, for Juniors or Seniors or both.

This resolution shall apply only in the academic year 1970-71.

II. Supporting statement.

Colloquium enrollment took a substantial increase in the years 1968-69 and 69-70. In both years there was an initial Fall enrollment of about 80 students, and a Spring enrollment in the range 50-60. This is in contrast to earlier numbers in the range 35-45.

The committee seeks authority to limit enrollment for two reasons:

1. A large group results in less face-to-face contact between student and coordination in individual and small-group meetings. Such contact is viewed by the committee, by coordinators and by a number of involved students as a valuable part of the colloquium.

2. The proposed restriction includes an incentive for eligible students to undertake departmental or college honors theses or projects. For the past few years, the number of students involved in this phase of the program has been disappointingly small.

Professor William Haller, Jr., Chairman