



State University of New York

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## Memorandum to Presidents

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As you know, it has been some years now since State University first launched an effort to provide independent study by correspondence courses. Although this program developed promisingly, we were forced to cut back its staff and support in the budget crisis of 1970-71, and subsequently only a few campuses in the system have continued to offer such courses. Empire State College has willingly made available to other campuses the learning materials the College has developed for its programs and will continue to service those campuses which wish to use these materials for correspondence study or other independent forms of learning.

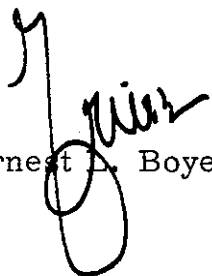
However, no additional funding support has been provided to Empire State College for this service, and its primary obligation must, of necessity, be to its own students. With the current budgetary problems of the University, it appears quite unlikely that any new support funds for a University correspondence program will be forthcoming in the near future.

Each campus should, therefore, feel free to do what it can in the correspondence area, such as developing its own courses, acquiring them from other sources, or referring interested students to other institutions where correspondence study is more fully developed. If a campus has instructional materials that it is willing to share with other campuses, this would be most helpful in promoting additional forms of independent study.

Those campuses and their faculty which continue to offer such learning opportunities are to be commended for their willingness to provide yet another avenue for education to students who ordinarily would be unable to attend classes on a regular basis. Other campuses are encouraged to explore this alternative as well but, unfortunately, as I indicated earlier, there can be no central budgetary support for this function at this time.

If you have any questions or would like further information, Dr. Kenneth M. MacKenzie, Provost for Lifelong Learning, will be glad to be of assistance.

Thanks very much.



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