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TO: Memo for the record

FROM: William Thornton, M.D.

SUBJECT: Senior Cardiology Elective (Harvey Course)

It was agreed with Dr. Runge that because of the few students taking electives and the anticipated change in curriculum, the Senior Cardiology Elective would be discontinued except for January and one other month this semester. This was conveyed to Dr. Szauter with the condition that the January course would be contingent on five scheduled students. One student dropped and continuation of the course was discussed with Toni and personnel in the registrars' office. It was agreed to continue with 4 students to avoid disruption of student schedules.

Three students were initially present on the first day (5th) and the fourth appeared near the end of the morning session. The second day two students were present and after discussion with Ms. Low and in the presence of severe weather it was decided to delay the classes until the following day. This morning one student was present and after an hour's lecture for only this student, it was obvious that something definitive must be done with this month's elective and hopefully for any other presentation of this course.

This course is highly integrated to provide maximum exposure to cardiology in the brief time and incorporates several mini-courses given by three other professors with full schedule. Also considerable prepared resources are used and all of this requires relatively rigid scheduling for a reasonable benefit to the student. While reasonable absences are expected, especially during this period, and can be accommodated they should be identified as soon as possible.