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Several faculty members at the Committee on Undergraduate Education Program have been arguing against second-term pass/fail status for freshmen and sophomores. Dean of Students Alonzo M. Dairy '89 said at last Thursday's "Fix the Freshman System" meeting, according to the University Committee on Educational Policy, that a "continuing series of faculty complaints and group feelings have led to a desire to test pass/fail in the first term. The board, which includes Dean of Students Alonzo M. Dairy '89, vice-chairman of the Student Committee on Educational Policy, later confirmed this at a Wednesday's CUP meeting.

LA President Manuel Rodriguez '89 acknowledged that a "large proportion" of the faculty opposes second-term pass/fail. As a result, students used the discussion period to take a hard look at what MIT would be like without second-term pass/fail, as well as examine reasons for and against the current system.

The students participating in this discussion included several members of SACC and other interested students.

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