

To: University Senate
From: Russell K. Marzette Jr., Chair CESP
Subject: Temporary Suspension of Pass/No Pass GPA Restriction
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

SYNOPSIS: To address concerns regarding disproportionate impact to select demographics within the university community the Council of Enrollment and Student Progress seeks temporary suspension of Faculty Rule 3335-8-21 (K)(2)(a) for the Fall 2020 Academic Term. Faculty Rule 3335-8-21 (K)(2)(a) regulates the allowable credits and GPA requirements under which the pass/no pass option may be exercised. Existing policy restricts this option to students at or above a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

WHEREAS a measure of disproportionate impact has been identified within the current modified PA/NP implementation; and

WHEREAS in consideration of COVID-19 and its varied impact, it is important to continue to alleviate barriers; and

WHEREAS a student with a GPA below 2.0 who chooses to exercise an option to take a course Pass/No Pass be required to meet with an academic advisor before such option is approved,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that rule 3335-8-21 (K)(2)(a) be suspended for the Fall 2020 academic term such that a student's ability to take courses with Pass/No Pass is available without regard to GPA.