

To: University Senate
From: Russell K. Marzette Jr., Chair, Council of Enrollment and Student Progress
Subject: Temporary Amendment of Pass / No Pass (PA/NP) Grading Rules
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020

Resolution Number:

SYNOPSIS: In the interest of the physical and academic well-being of our students the Council of Enrollment and Student Progress at the request of the Office of Undergraduate Education seeks temporary modification to Faculty Rule 3335-8-21 (K) for the Spring 2020 Academic Term. Faculty Rule 3335-8-21 (K) regulates the deadlines and conditions under which students may exercise the PA/NP grading option for a course. Existing policy allows only elective courses to be taken PA/NP. The current deadline has elapsed (January 31, 2020). In addition, existing policy imposes a cap of 20 credits total per student/undergraduate degree. Existing policy allows instructors to set the "Pass" threshold. Existing policy restricts this option to students at or above a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Given the overwhelming changes to our programs and courses, this proposal seeks to alleviate barriers and ensure consistency.

WHEREAS a transition to virtual instruction, has significantly altered the structure and method of delivery across all courses

WHEREAS many courses in non-negligible ways, may necessarily no longer reflect the original course syllabus, stated intent and outcomes

WHEREAS it is appropriate in these times to allow greater flexibility in the interest of fairness and equity to our students

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of our student's mental health and well-being to alleviate points of concern and anxiety where possible

WHEREAS students should be empowered to make the best decision towards their well-being, health, and academic success

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that rule 3335-8-21 (K) be amended for the Spring 2020 academic term to extend a student's ability to take courses with Pass/No Pass grading such that (a) the number of courses taken PA/NP in Spring 2020 be exempted from the stated cap of 20 credits, (b) the students be allowed to take elective and General Education courses PA/NP, (c) the deadline for declaring the intention to take a course PA/NP be extended to April 17, 2020, (d) all students earning a D or better under the course grading scheme should be marked as Passing, (e) the option of requesting PA/NP is available to all students, regardless of GPA, (f) each college or school be allowed to extend this policy, as deemed appropriate, to include courses taken to fulfill requirements of the major, minor, or program and/or as graduate students subject to the further constraints of graduate school policy.