

Resolution Endorsing Policy Deviations to Minimize Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Students in Spring 2020

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of all members of the Cal Poly Pomona community and, specifically, has caused major changes to the mode of instruction for nearly every class section being offered in the spring semester of 2020, and

WHEREAS, the decision to make a rapid transition to alternative modes of instruction after the academic term was already in session resulted from the response to a global pandemic and could therefore not proceed in accordance with the usual processes for policy and curriculum review, and

WHEREAS, it is of utmost importance to ensure that students are not penalized because of a major global public health crisis, and

WHEREAS, the policy adjustments described in this Resolution reflect those being applied across a broad range of institutions both within the CSU and nationally, and are the result of what consultation the rapid evolution of this crisis allowed, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of the California State Polytechnic University Pomona endorses the action of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, in consultation with the Chair of the Academic Senate, to allow students to choose one of the three grading options shown in the table below for each course in which they are enrolled, as well as to exclude Spring 2020 courses from the limits on credit / no credit units taken in a single term and the total number of such units which may be taken, and be it also

	Undergraduates	Graduates and Post-baccalaureate
Option 1: Letter Grades*	Graded (A, B, C, D, F)	Graded (A, B, C, D, F)
Option 2: Letter Grades*/No Credit	A, B, C, No Credit	A, B, No Credit
Option 3: Credit/No Credit	Credit, No Credit	Credit, No Credit

*This includes any plus or minus grades.

RESOLVED, that this body recommends that incomplete grades which would normally convert to F after spring or summer 2020 receive an automatic extension to the end of the fall 2020 semester, and be it also

RESOLVED, that this body supports the suspension of automatic disqualification for the spring semester of 2020, and be it also

RESOLVED, that spring 2020 grades shall not change a student's probation status, and be it also

RESOLVED, that requests for withdrawal during the spring 2020 semester may be automatically approved for WX and allowed beyond the usual deadline without supporting documentation, and be it also

RESOLVED, that faculty are urged to only apply a grade of WU for students who stopped attending before the social disruptions of this pandemic began, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the limit of 18 units of withdrawal shall not include units from the spring 2020 semester, and be it also

RESOLVED, that except where there has been a finding of a student conduct violation, courses taken in the spring 2020 semester shall not be counted toward the 28 semester unit limit for course repetition through regular enrollment, the limit of three (3) times to repeat a single course, or the limit of sixteen (16) semester units for grade forgiveness, and be it also

RESOLVED, that this body commends the efforts of the Division of Academic Affairs to identify those policies which would negatively affect students and implement adjustments, and be it also

RESOLVED, that this body also commends the extraordinary response of the faculty in submitting Faculty Progress Reports in addition to altering their mode of instruction, and also commends the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs for developing and launching this project with such a short timeline, resulting in 39% of the faculty completing 50,564 responses and the identification of 4,588 students at risk of failing. In addition, be it also

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the President of Cal Poly Pomona, all Vice Presidents and Associate Vice Presidents in Academic Affairs and posted on the Academic Senate website.

Adopted by the Academic Senate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, on Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Phyllis Nelson, Chair
Academic Senate