



Resolution on the Cal State San Bernardino Grade Policy Considerations in Response to COVID-19
Adopted by the Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors on April 14, 2020

- WHEREAS, California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) ensures student learning and success, conducts research, scholarly and creative activities, and is actively engaged in the vitality of our region. The university is committed to the professional, ethical, and intellectual development of students, faculty and staff; and
- WHEREAS, the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) serves, empowers, and advocates on behalf of the students at California State University, San Bernardino through the representation of student interests and needs, the inclusion of students in the decision-making process, the execution of premier events and services; and
- WHEREAS, On March, 4, 2020 California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency over the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak; and
- WHEREAS, On March, 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020 Cal State San Bernardino announced the suspension of all non-essential on-campus operations and expanded virtual instruction for all students for the remainder of the 2020 Spring Quarter; and
- WHEREAS, On April 2, 2020 Deputy Provost Clare Weber, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Rachel Beech alongside the Academic Deans of CSUSB and the Chair of the Faculty Senate Beth Steffel consulted with the ASI Executive Committee on the grade policy consideration in response to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, the Associated Students, Inc. understands that a decision to allow students the option to seek Credit/No Credit for their coursework is not an easy one because of some potential negative impacts on certain groups of students; and
- WHEREAS, the Associated Students, Inc. hopes that the recommendations hereinafter alleviate some of the stressors and create options under the special circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, under the current grading policy recommendations being considered by Cal State San Bernardino in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and under the recommendations of the student body of this institution, the Associated Students, Inc. hereby recommends the following clauses hereinafter; and therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, under the current grading policy recommendations being considered by Cal State San Bernardino, a student should be allowed to petition the Office of the Registrar to request any graded course (major, minor, General Education or elective) be changed to Credit/No Credit grading; and be it further

RESOLVED, under the current grading policy recommendations being considered by Cal State San Bernardino, a student should be allowed to petition the Office of the Registrar by the respective deadline to change a letter grade to Credit/No Credit; and be it further

RESOLVED, under the current grading policy recommendations being considered by Cal State San Bernardino, a student should be allowed to petition the Office of the Registrar for a grade change from the time their grade is posted to convert a posted letter grade to Credit/No Credit due to the special circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the understanding that there may be a considerable delay in updating their transcript to reflect the change; and be it further

RESOLVED, under the current grading policy recommendations being considered by Cal State San Bernardino, students on academic probation can have the ability to opt for Credit/No Credit for courses this quarter be allowed to continue on probation for an additional quarter/semester; and be it further

RESOLVED, under the current grading policy recommendations being considered by Cal State San Bernardino, that these temporary changes supersede all other relevant university policies regarding Credit/No Credit grades or grading for the Spring 2020 semester at CSUSB; and be it further

RESOLVED, should a grade policy be enacted by Cal State San Bernardino in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that proper and timely communication be made aware by the administration to all currently enrolled students of these changes and their options as outlined in the aforementioned; and

RESOLVED, should a grade policy be enacted by Cal State San Bernardino in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that the Office of Academic Affairs ensures that all students have the ability to easily access their academic advisors prior to making any decisions in regards to any change in grade; and be it further


RESOLVED, should a letter grade policy be enacted by Cal State San Bernardino in response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Associated Students Inc. calls for the Office of The Registrar to add a common statement identifying the current pandemic for Winter 2020 and Spring 2020 transcripts.; and be it further

RESOLVED, this resolution serves as a confirmation that the student government of CSUSB (ASI) has been consulted by the administration in a manner that is consistent with the scope of this policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be distributed to CSUSB President Tomás Morales, CSUSB Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs Shari McMahan, CSUSB Deputy Provost Clare Weber, Chair of the CSUSB Faculty Senate Beth Steffel, CSUSB Interim Dean & Associate Vice President Lesley Davidson-Boyd, CSUSB Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Rachel Beech, CSUSB, CSUSB Vice President for Student Affairs Paz Olivérez, Chair of the Santos Manuel Student Union Board of Directors Yusra Serhan, Chair of the CSUSB Staff Council Alfredo Barcenás.



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