

## FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: 9/21/2020

Submitted by: Academic Affairs Committee—Kerry Wynn, chair

SUBJECT: Temporary Academic Policy changes due to Extraordinary Circumstances of COVID19 in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Semesters

Description: The following temporary academic policies will be in force during the times stated in each point below. Alternate temporary practices to adopt for students enrolled in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, in light of COVID- 19 pandemic operational changes. Students should consult with their advisors to ensure that they meet the requirements of their program. These temporary academic policies do not apply to the School of Law. School of Law students should refer to the law school website, [www.washburnlaw.edu](http://www.washburnlaw.edu), for policy updated and consult with the Associate Deans for Academic Affairs with any questions regarding law school academic policies in force during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Relating to Withdrawals section of Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs

- For Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 courses, students may withdraw from a class (or classes) from the third week of classes until the Friday before finals week

Relating to the A/Credit/Pass/Fail Option section of the Undergraduate Catalog and Section 6.V.D.4 (A/Credit/Pass/Fail Options) of the Faculty Handbook

- For Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, there are no restrictions on completed credit hours or GPA for electing A/Credit/Pass/Fail status
- For Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, a student may elect A/Credit/Pass/Fail status until the Friday before finals week
- All other existing restrictions on electing A/Credit/Pass/Fail remain in force. Students should check with their faculty advisor before electing A/Credit/Pass/Fail status.

Relating to the Undergraduate Academic Probation and Reinstatement Policy section of Undergraduate Catalog

- Students enrolled in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 will not be placed on academic probation status or suspended based on their performance during those semesters
- This temporary policy change does not override school-, department-, or program-level policies concerning academic probation/suspension/dismissal from a particular degree program.

Relating to Section 6.V.E. (Examinations) of the Faculty Handbook

- For Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, Final Examinations may be scheduled asynchronously at

the discretion of the instructor so long as students have the opportunity to complete the final exam during the time on the posted Final Exam Schedule for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

Rationale: These academic policies are in place due to the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial Implications: none directly

Proposed Effective Date: Immediate upon passage of the Faculty Senate

Request for Action: Approval by Faculty Senate

Approved by: Faculty Senate 9/28/2020