

Pass Fail Required Selection Date April 6, 2020

Whereas the Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted students' lives and required a transition to online teaching of all courses in Spring term 2020;

Whereas AU graduate and undergraduate academic regulations have been suspended to allow non-WCL students to choose to take any or all classes pass/fail in Spring term 2020;

Whereas students must elect the pass/fail option on or before the last day of the semester (April 27, 2020);

Whereas the effectiveness of this temporary policy depends on students' ability to make informed choices about whether to opt for pass/fail;

Whereas good teaching practice under normal circumstances calls for students to receive timely feedback on their performance;

Whereas grades can be communicated easily through Blackboard's gradebook function or other means; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American University Faculty Senate urges all faculty to provide students with maximum possible information about progress---including grades on all previous assignments, a sense of emerging grades for class participation and related functions, and how various grades are weighted toward the final grade---as soon as practically possible and before April 27, 2020.