

Resolution Endorsing Policy Deviations to Minimize Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Students in the 2020-2021 Academic Year Including Summer

- WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of all members of the Cal Poly Pomona community since the spring of 2020 and, specifically, is causing the continuation of major changes to the mode of instruction for nearly every class section in the 2020-2021 academic year, and
- WHEREAS, the decision to continue these alternative modes of instruction are the result of the ongoing response to a global pandemic and are therefore temporary, necessary, and disruptive adjustments rather than permanent changes to university policy and practice, and
- WHEREAS, WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), the accrediting body for Cal Poly Pomona, has authorized virtual instruction for the 2020-2021 academic year to enable the campus to implement safety measures during the pandemic, 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, 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 two grading options: normal letter grades or A-C + NC, and be it also
- RESOLVED, that this body recommends that incomplete and report in progress grades which would normally convert to F during the 2020-2021 academic year receive an automatic one semester extension, and be it also
- RESOLVED, that this body commends the efforts of the Division of Academic Affairs and ASI to identify those policies which would negatively affect students and implement adjustments, and be it also
- RESOLVED, that this body also commends the administration for institutionalizing progress reports in weeks 4 and 8 of the semester to better target responses to student needs, and for the efforts of the faculty who have submitted such reports, and 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, the Chairs of the CSU Academic Senates, and posted on the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate website.

Unanimously Adopted by the Academic Senate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Phyllis Nelson, Chair
Academic Senate