



AGENDA

SENATE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday, April 1st, 2020

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Online via BlueJeans: <https://bcnet.bluejeans.com/799912462>

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Roll Call (participants online and via phone) G. Siddall
2. Call to Order G. Siddall
3. **Motion:** That Senate approves the Agenda as circulated. G. Siddall

II. BUSINESS

1. Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline Extension G. Siddall

Preamble:

The terms for voluntary withdrawal from a course are set out in [4.16 Assessment and Academic Standing Policy](#), p. 3: "Withdrawal from a course - Grades of 'W' will be assigned where a student officially de-registers from a course in advance of the withdrawal deadline each semester. Grades of W bear no academic penalty and will not be calculated as part of a student's GPA, but will appear on a student's academic transcript."

The withdrawal deadline for the Spring Term was defined as March 6th in the Academic Calendar for 2019-20 that was approved by Senate in January 2019. Acknowledging the extraordinary circumstances that have affected university operations as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and in order to support student wellness and agency at this time, it is recommended that students should have greater flexibility in making withdrawal decisions. Therefore, the following motion is proposed.

Motion: That Senate approves the extension of the official voluntary withdrawal deadline from March 6th to April 3rd, 2020.

2. Pass / Fail Grading

G. Siddall

Preamble:

Options for assigning pass/fail grades for a course are set out in [4.16 Assessment and Academic Standing Policy](#), p. 3: "Pass/Fail/Credit Grades - Grades of 'Pass' (P), 'Fail' (F) or 'Credit' (CR) may be assigned to select courses that identify P/F/CR as the grading method approved at Senate. Grades of P/F/CR are GPA neutral and will not impact grade point average positively or negatively."

Acknowledging the extraordinary circumstances that have affected university operations as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and in order to support student agency at this time, it is recommended that students and faculty should have greater flexibility in arriving at grading decisions. Therefore, the following motion is proposed.

Motion: That, pursuant to *4.16 Assessment and Academic Standing Policy*, Senate approves "Pass" ("P") grades to be available as a grading option for all courses offered during the Spring 2020 term. And, that the "Pass" ("P") grade option may be selected by a student within ten days of receiving their final letter grade, provided they have earned a "D" grade or higher in the relevant course. And, that "P" grades will count for credit and count towards both program requirements and the total credits required for a degree, but will not be factored into a student's GPA.

III. ADJOURNMENT