Emergency COVID-19 Response: Grading Options Resolution 2020-04

Whereas, The Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, 53200) and is primarily relied upon for curriculum and instruction, for grading policies, for student preparation and success, and for degree and certificate requirements (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, The California Community College Chancellor's Office has encouraged all higher education instruction to continue remotely for a period not specified; and,

Whereas, Mt. San Antonio College has encouraged faculty to move their face-to-face instruction to remote instruction for a period not specified; and,

Whereas, Not all of the student population of Mt. SAC has the resources to adequately respond to the change of the method of instruction of courses from face-to-face to entirely remote;

Resolved, The Academic Senate supports giving all students the option to change the grading option of each of their courses either from a letter grade to pass/no pass, or from a letter grade to a withdraw without a "W", or from a letter grade to an incomplete unless not allowable by an outside accrediting agency or Education Code, until and including the last day of the Spring 2020 semester; and

Resolved, The Academic Senate supports ensuring that students receive all information as to how this change could impact their transcripts so as to be able to make informed decisions about whether to change the grading options for their courses.

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