



RESOLUTION

To: Office of President Frank Wu, Office of the Provost, Academic Senate Chairperson, Senators.

From: Queens College Student Association

Date: Tuesday, December 4th, 2020

Title: For a continuation of CUNY's Spring 2020 flexible grading policy for Fall 2020

Whereas, since March, 2020, in response to the worldwide pandemic spread by the coronavirus and in an effort to protect the faculty, staff, and students on City University of New York campuses, the University announced that all University academic courses would be moved to a distance learning modality and

Whereas, the continued rise in cases in the United States from 1,800 new cases a day in March to 49,000 new cases a day in December has forced the University to continue operating on an on-line or distance learning format; and

Whereas, during the Spring 2020 semester the University enacted a CUNY-wide policy that acknowledged the need for a flexible grading policy for students as they navigate the challenges associated with the University's move to distance learning and the effects of our City's social distancing guidelines on their personal lives; and the situation described by the University as necessitating the enactment of the flexible grading policy continues to present itself to University Students who continue to take their courses in an on-line or distance learning format the same way they did in Spring 2020; and

Whereas, City College's Senate has voted to extend the Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) grade option for the Fall 2020 semester, extending the deadline to select the CR/NC grade to 11/25/2020; and

Whereas, Queens college has not pushed forth a policy or a plan to continue to pursue the flexible grading policy implemented by the CUNY Board of Trustees in Spring 2020 though being placed into a red zone by Governor Coumo and Medical experts concerned due to the rapid clusters in the area: https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Queens_upper_map_updated_colors.pdf; and

Stressing, The continuous deterioration of our students mental health, high levels of anxiety, concern of their academic progress, and safety of themselves and their loved ones. The students of CUNY face similar circumstances of joblessness, housing insecurity, and food insecurity that they have faced in March.

Reminding, that students who are most affected by this viirus directly are hindered in providing to the best of their ability in classes also affecting their pursuit of continuing education caused by financial stress due to limited work opportunities and the limited assistance from governmental programs; Be it

Whereas, The Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost, José Luis Cruz, notified all College Presidents of the approval of the extension of the flexible grading policy implemented in Spring 2020. Presidents were given three options to op-in from: 1. Allow the use of CR/NC grades for all Fall 2020 courses as in the Spring 2020 term . 2- Allow the use of CR/NC grades for all Fall 2020 courses except those the college designates to be excluded. 3- Do not allow the use of CR/NC grades in Fall 2020 but expand access to the college's existing flexible grading policies using the University's P/NC grading framework.

Resolved, That the Queens College Student Association, within its authority as the Student elected body representing the affairs of all Queens College students, Calls on the President of Queens College, Frank Wu, and the College Administration to implement the policy allowing the use of CR/NC grades for all Fall 2020 courses as in the Spring 2020 term.

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