

**Central Connecticut State University**  
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION


**Senate Motion Number FS 20.21.008B**

TO: President Zulma Toro  
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with: **Temporary Changes to Academic Policies, Fall 2020**, is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on **11/16/2020**.
3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.
4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.7, the following schedule of action is to be observed.
  - a) By **11/17/2020**, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
  - b) By **12/04/2020**, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).


**11/17/2020**

Date

  
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Frederic Latour, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate  
FROM: President Zulma Toro

1. Motion Approved : \_\_\_\_\_ 
2. Motion Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Explanatory statement must be appended).
3. Action "is deferred": \_\_\_\_\_
4. Resolution Noted: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

  
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President Zulma Toro

of Incomplete, which can be awarded when circumstances beyond the students' control prevent the student from completing certain work. There is no negative impact to the students' GPA, and the full letter grade will be entered once the work is completed. Undergraduate students ordinarily have the first eight weeks of the subsequent major semester to complete the work, and graduate students have one year. These deadlines can be extended by request of the faculty. In addition, if individual students feel they were not treated fairly in the grading process, there is an established policy on [Appeals for Grade Changes](#).

**Changes to Academic Policies for Fall 2020 Semester** are temporarily amended to allow the following actions:

- The deadline for declaring intent to take a course Pass/Fail for the Fall 2020 semester must be filed in the Office of Registrar by Monday, November 30, 2020. The Office of the Registrar will make available an updated request form that students must submit by the deadline.
- Courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis during the Fall 2020 semester will not be considered when calculating a student's total number of Pass/Fail elections.
- There is no limit on the number of courses that may be placed on Pass/Fail for the Fall 2020 semester.
- A notation shall be placed on the transcripts for Fall 2020 semester indicating the exceptional circumstances of Pass/Fail grades earned during that semester
- The administration shall make every effort to inform students in advance of any adverse effects that opting for Pass/Fail may have on financial aid, transfer of credits, professional accreditations, or applications for further higher education. Students electing Pass/Fail should sign a statement that they understand the risks.
- The Policy on Withdrawals is amended so that the Fall 2020 semester deadline for withdrawing from a course without instructors' permission is extended to December 7, 2020.
- We reaffirm that the current policy on [Grade Change Appeals](#) stands, and that all reasonable consideration shall be made concerning the significant academic changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, grade appeals packets in electronic form will be accepted for courses taken in the Fall 2020 semester.
- For the Fall 2020 semester, an undergraduate grade of C- or higher will be recorded using a P<sup>^</sup> notation and will have a numeric value equivalent to "C-" and shall be sufficient for all courses counted in the major or minor and general