

The College of the Canyons Academic Senate

Resolution to Support Students during COVID19 Crisis: Pass/No Pass and Local Degree/Certificate Requirements

WHEREAS, due to the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency on March 4, 2020, caused by the COVID19 pandemic, and the California Community Colleges Board of Governor's promulgation of Title 5 Section 52020 conferring emergency powers on the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to temporarily suspend regulations that serve as a barrier to the continuity of the educational services, the Chancellor issued Executive Order 2020-02¹ temporarily suspending Title 5 Section 55022(a)(2), the requirement that students elect to be evaluated in a course on a pass/no pass basis either upon enrollment or no later than the end of the first 30 percent of the term, and Section 55022(c), the requirement that units attempted on a pass/no pass basis and for which the symbol "NP" is recorded be considered in probation and dismissal procedures; and local board policies, including those of the Santa Clarita Community College District, that conflict with those suspensions, for the purpose of limiting the adverse educational impact of the pandemic on students; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-02 specifically referenced the Spring, 2020 semester as the focus of the suspension of Title 5 Sections 55022(a)(2) and 55022(c), and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-12² extended the provisions of Executive Order 2020-02 to December 31, 2020 only,

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has now issued Executive Order 2021-01 extending the suspension of Title 5 Sections 55022(a)(2) and 55022(c) through the remainder of the 2021 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, The University of California eased their transfer requirements by temporarily suspending the letter grade requirement for A-G courses completed in winter/spring/summer 2020 for both prospective and admitted students and has relaxed the cap on Pass/No Pass courses eligible for transfer to enter UC as a junior³; and

WHEREAS, The California State University eased their transfer requirements to accept "Credit" or "Pass" for transferable college courses completed in winter/spring/summer 2020 taken to satisfy the "Golden Four" (English language [A2], oral communication [A1], critical thinking [A3],

¹ [CCCCO Executive Order 2020-02](#), dated March 27, 2020

² [CCCCO Executive Order 2020-12](#), dated September 23, 2020

³ [UC's News Release to Temporarily ease admissions requirement](#)

- [UC's Press Release to Temporarily adjust admissions requirements](#)
- [UC's Adjusted admission requirements FAQs](#)

and mathematics/quantitative reasoning [B4]), all other General Education courses, and major prerequisite courses⁴; and

WHEREAS, Modifying the District's existing policies governing pass/no pass grading through the District's regular decision-making process would greatly reduce, or eliminate, the time period available for students to make informed decisions regarding their grading options and their impact on their education goals, including by meeting with Counselors;

RESOLVED, That the College of the Canyons Academic Senate recommends that the Board of Trustees temporarily suspend, during the winter, spring, summer, and fall 2021 semesters, (a) Board Policy 4100.1e to enable students to earn a "P" grading in any courses taken during those semesters without reducing the maximum of 18 semester units of coursework with the "P" grade that students may use towards the 60 degree applicable units required for a degree or certificate; (b) the last sentence of Board Policy 4100.2 to lift the prohibition on students satisfying their major requirements or area of emphasis for an Associate Degree by earning a "P" grade on courses taken during those semesters; and (c) Board Policy 4100.11c to enable students to elect the pass/no pass grading option in courses taken during these semesters toward UC-IGETC and CSU-IGETC Certificates of Achievement without reducing the maximum of 14 units otherwise permitted for this purpose.

RESOLVED, That the College of the Canyons Academic Senate recommends that the Board of Trustees temporarily suspend, during the winter, spring, summer, and fall 2021 semesters, any provisions of Board Policy Section 4230.2 that conflict with Executive Order 2021-01 from the Chancellor's Office and implement the Pass/No Pass grading option in a manner as prescribed by and consistent with that order and suspend specifically Section 4230.2(B) in a manner that will hereinafter for the spring, summer, and fall 2021 semesters enable students to elect a "pass-no pass" letter grade on registration, or no later than the end of 75% of the course length not to include winter, 2021 that predated the adoption of this Resolution.

⁴ [CSU Undergraduate Admissions COVID-19](#)