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1 **Title:** Support for a Temporary Grading Policy for Fall 2020

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3 **Whereas,** COVID-19 has caused an extraordinary amount of stress on both students and  
4 instructors alike;

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6 **Whereas,** the disruption to the learning environment by COVID-19 and its effects is not the  
7 fault of any instructor or student, and no person can or should be held at fault to actions  
8 that are outside of their control;

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10 **Whereas,** instructors have been asked to do unprecedented things to conform with campus  
11 safety guidelines, such as changing teaching modality, create new teaching methods to help  
12 students who are quarantined or are in isolation due to COVID-19, and risk the health and  
13 safety of themselves and loved ones in service of students;

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15 **Whereas,** these changes have impacted the quality of education that students are receiving,  
16 despite the best efforts of all involved to ensure that impact is minimal;

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18 **Whereas,** this decline in quality of education has negatively impacted students and will  
19 negatively impact their performance within their courses.

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21 **Whereas,** a student's transcript has plays a large role in a student's ability to gain  
22 employment and/or continue along their career path.

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24 ***Be it therefore resolved,*** we, the University Student Senate of the Stout Student Association  
25 call upon the Educational Activities Committee, Faculty Senate, and the University of  
26 Wisconsin Stout to take the following action to ensure that students are treated with the  
27 compassion and understand that everyone deserves:

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29 1. Solicit and gather feedback from stakeholders including but not limited to students,  
30 instructors, and program directors to identify the options that can best support  
31 students.  
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33 2. Develop a temporary grading policy that considers the unexpected and extraordinary  
34 impacts of COVID-19 on the learning environment and addresses the real and valid  
35 concerns that students have with how their transcript may be affected.  
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37 3. This policy should show compassion and flexibility to students who face unforeseen  
38 circumstances during the semester, and not have arbitrary and unsubstantiated  
39 deadlines for decisions.  
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41 4. Clearly communicate this policy to all students and be willing to revisit the policy if  
42 need be if it is discovered that alternative solutions can better fit the needs of  
43 students.



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***Be it finally resolved,*** a copy of this motion be sent to the Educational Activities Committee Chair Tyler Skorczewski, Faculty Senate Chair Glenda Jones, Provost Glendali Rodriguez, and Chancellor Katherine Frank.

Date acted upon: September 29, 2020

Action: Passed

Vote:   13   -   0   -   1   (Yays-Nays-Abstentions)

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Chris Johnson  
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