

1 SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY
2 Academic Senate
3 Senate Executive Committee
4 April 20, 2020
5 Final Reading
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AS 1771

7 **SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 **Endorsing Senate Executive Committee Action on University**
9 **Policy S20-7, Temporary Modification to University Policies**
10 **F18-5, Grading Policy, and S16-16, Probation and**
11 **Disqualification due to Special Circumstances of COVID-19**
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14 **Resolved:** That the Academic Senate endorse the actions of the Senate Executive
15 Committee and the President to develop and approve University Policy
16 S20-7, *Temporary Modification to University Policies F18-5, Grading*
17 *Policy, and S16-16, Probation and Disqualification due to Special*
18 *Circumstances of COVID-19.*
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20 **Rationale:** As a result of the exigent circumstances surrounding COVID-19, there has
21 been a need to make rapid decisions regarding our grading policies in
22 order to be responsive to our students' and faculty's concerns about the
23 potential impact of changed teaching modality on students' grades. Based
24 on our Senate bylaw 4.1, the Senate Executive Committee is able to act
25 on behalf of the Senate when the full membership is not available. The
26 Senate Executive Committee made the decision to act between our
27 regularly scheduled Senate meetings to address the pressing needs of
28 students and faculty and to provide time for processes to be implemented
29 at SJSU. We also wanted to ensure that students would have the
30 maximum time in the academic calendar to make critical decisions
31 regarding their grades.
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The Senate Executive Committee does not take such an executive decision lightly. It values and upholds the tenets and tradition of shared governance, and generally prefers that the Senate speak for itself in its entirety. Under the current circumstances of mandated shifts in teaching and learning modalities, however, we felt the need to act quickly, thereby providing students with the maximum flexibility in making decisions regarding their grading options.

Approved: April 13, 2020.
Vote: 14-0-0.
Present: Mathur, McKee, Marachi, Frazier, Sullivan-Green, Peter, White, Curry, Shifflett, Del Casino, Faas, Day, Wong(Lau), Parent.
Absent: Papazian.
Financial Impact: None.
Workload Impact: None.