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Students’ Rights to Timely Feedback on Class Assignments

Whereas: F13-1 was meant to be a temporary policy until such time as an omnibus revision of grading policies and procedures was passed, and

Whereas: A number of policies have been enacted encompassing grading issues, but have specifically excluded students’ rights to timely feedback on class assignments, and

Whereas: Faculty have a responsibility to provide timely feedback to students regarding their work, therefore be it

Signed and Approved by
President Mary A. Papazian
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Resolved: That F13-1 be rescinded and be replaced with the following.


Vote: 12-0-0.

Present: Delgadillo, Honda (non-voting), Jackson (non-voting), Khan, Kim, Kitajima, Parent, Roque, Sen, Sullivan-Green, Trang, Wilson, Wolcott, Yao.

Absent: Hill, Honda, Rollerson, Sorkhabi, Walters.

Financial Impact: Small amount of work to the faculty to adjust their assignment schedules.

Workload Impact: None.

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Feedback on an assignment is a student’s right. Timely feedback enables a student to successfully progress in and complete a course; therefore, faculty should provide feedback in a timely manner. When assigning student work, faculty should indicate the expected timeframe when feedback will be provided, and if a delay occurs, students should be notified of the new expected timeframe. When feedback on an assignment affects performance on subsequent assignment(s), the due date for the subsequent assignment(s) should enable students to maximize their performance on the assignment(s).