Faculty Senate Resolution on Grading for Spring 2021  
Approved January 11, 2021

Whereas, many faculty, students and advisors have asked for clear guidance on grading at the beginning of the semester, and

Whereas, while faculty are concerned about the success and mental health of our students, aspects of the grading policy such as Q-drops and pass-fail can affect student financial aid, time to graduation, and admission to graduate and professional degree programs, and

Whereas, the grading policy has long been a key aspect of shared governance at Texas A&M University, and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate of Texas A&M University desires to state its position on grading for the 2021 Spring Semester before it begins, and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate is opposed to making any changes in existing pass-fail grading policies for Spring 2021, and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate does support retaining the Q-drop deadline to 5 p.m. on April 15,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate urges Interim President John Junkins and Interim Provost Mark Weichold to make any decisions on changing grading policies for Spring 2021 as early as possible, preferably before the first day of classes, with due consideration given to the sentiment of the Faculty Senate as outlined in this resolution.