

Faculty Senate Resolution on Grading for Spring 2021 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 extending any form of pass-fail grading for Spring 2021, and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate does not support increasing the number of permissible Q-drops for Spring 2021, and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate does support moving the Q-drop deadline to 5 p.m. on the last day of the Spring 2021 semester, April 29,

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 with due consideration given to the sentiment of the Faculty Senate as outlined in this resolution.