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ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: Grading Options for the ELWR in Fall 2020

Dear Colleagues:

The Academic Council has endorsed the enclosed recommendation from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) to extend the temporary modification of the passing requirement for the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in Senate Regulation 636.C that Council approved for Spring and Summer 2020 sessions, to fall 2020 sessions.

In short, SR 636.C normally requires the ELWR to be satisfied with a C or better. The modification allows each Division the flexibility, if they need it, to determine whether a grade of Pass (P) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on the campus.

I ask Senate Division chairs to forward the UCOPE document to your respective Committees on Education Policy and Undergraduate Councils. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Gauvain".

Mary Gauvain, Chair
Academic Council

Cc: UCOPE Chair Gagnon
Senate Directors
Hilary Baxter, Executive Director, Academic Senate

Encl.

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MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
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RE: LETTER GRADE AND P/NP OPTIONS FOR ELWR DURING FALL QUARTER/SEMESTER 2020.

Dear Mary,

Senate Regulation 636.C.1 stipulates that the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) must be satisfied with a grade of C or better or its equivalent, not a C-. In July, the Academic Council endorsed a recommendation from UCOPE to temporarily modify the passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C.1 to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the ELWR in Summer 2020.

For all sessions in Fall quarter/semester 2020, UCOPE recommends that each Division be allowed to determine whether a grade of C- or better or its equivalent, or a grade of Pass (and Satisfactory) can satisfy the ELWR, even if a C- is the minimum passing grade on their campus.

On campuses where a grade of C- qualifies as a passing grade, a course taken for a letter grade would also satisfy the ELWR if a C- or better was earned.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gagnon", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeff Gagnon,
Chair, University Committee on Preparatory Education