Dear Undergraduate Student,

We recognize that this has been a disquieting quarter and that many of you have faced unprecedented challenges while learning in a mostly remote environment during a pandemic.

In an effort to alleviate the academic stress we know you are experiencing, the Educational Policy Committee of the Academic Senate is offering undergraduate students a one time only option to petition to retroactively change grading options from Letter to Pass/Not Pass in Fall 2020 classes. These petitions will be granted.

Details about the process are not yet finalized, but we want you to know about the decision before you head into Finals Week. The option will be accessible to you during the first four weeks of Winter 2021: January 4 - January 29, 2021.

Important considerations include:

1. Students will be responsible for checking with their department, program and/or college to determine if courses taken P/NP will be accepted towards their major, minor, and/or college general education (it is up to each individual department, program, and college to make that decision)
2. Major, Minor, and/or general education courses that are offered only for letter grades will need waivers to allow Pass grades
3. Fall 2020 P/NP units will count toward the 25% maximum allowed by the university
4. Course work must be equivalent to C- or better to receive a P
5. A change from a D grade to a NP will result in a loss of units
6. Financial Aid packages will be affected by NP grades
7. A change to P/NP for a Fall 2020 course will be allowed for a repeat of a class in which a D or F grade was earned in an earlier term

Additional information will be provided to you before the January 4-29, 2021 period to make a decision about Fall 2020 grading options. Please plan to review that information prior to contacting your major/minor/college academic advisor(s).

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all navigate through this strange and trying time.