COVID-19 Updates

FINAL GRAD ALTERNATIVES

Through Executive of Council, the University has approved additional options for final grades in the Winter 2020 semester. Students are being given choice, class by class, on their final grading approach. They can choose which option best suits them for each class. They can still choose to take their numeric grades in some classes, withdraw from others, and apply the new credit/non-credit options for other classes. The choice is theirs, and the options are as follows:

- **We are extending the course withdrawal deadline** to coincide with the final day of classes (Thursday April 9). Students exercising this option would thereby earn a grade of “W” which will allow them to avoid failing grades and negative GPA impact due to COVID-19 difficulties.

- **Traditional Numeric Grading** – student can choose to take their final grades as the grading approach to one, many, or all of their classes.

- **New course grade: “CRC” (Credit-COVID-19)** for students who pass a course, but who experience stressors that have negatively impacted their academic performance. Students would have the option to replace their numeric grade with “CRC.” The deadline for students to select this option is May 31, 2020. A “CRC” grade:
  - Is considered a credit/pass
  - Does not impact GPA
  - Can be used in degree completion requirements
  - May have some impact on eligibility for funding or financial awards
  - Is an irreversible decision.

- **New course grade: “NCC” (No Credit – COVID-19)** for students who receive a failing numerical grade in a course and request to replace this numerical grade so as to preserve their academic standing. The deadline for students to select this option is also May 31, 2020. A “NCC” grade:
  - Students who do not pass due to failure to complete a final exam or other required component of the course, will not be eligible for “NCC”
  - Does not impact GPA
  - Does *not* count toward degree completion
  - Is an irreversible decision.

Students can opt for various outcomes among their classes. Further details will be posted at: [https://www.uregina.ca/covid-19/](https://www.uregina.ca/covid-19/) Step by step instructions will be made available on the Registrar’s Office page in the coming days: [https://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/](https://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/)

COURSE EVALUATIONS

We *will* move forward with student course evaluations, however, please note that these will *not* be considered for annual performance review / reporting purposes. And general speaking, these evaluations are *not* recorded on personal files, they are stored on the t drive.
FALL SEMESTER
Many are asking about plans for the Fall term. At this point, no decisions have been made. We are in regular communication with our postsecondary partners – the Ministry, the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and the regional colleges – with regard to next steps. By mid-May, together with our partners, we will communicate a decision about the Fall term.

In the News…
Gord Pennycook’s research was featured:

Faculty Administrator Extension
The Faculty Administrator position will be posted as of the end of April (you will remember that Marjorie Murray has been filling a term in the role since July 1). Marjorie will be extended in that position until the end of June while we complete the search.

Reminder - submit your expense claims!
The University’s fiscal year-end is April 30, so please remember to get any expense claims in no later than mid-April (sooner than that is appreciated). This includes expenses you want to claim from the Faculty’s general operating fund, your general research fund, or your APEA (the deadline for tri-council funds was March 31).
Forms can be signed electronically and all receipts can be scanned – send these document to the Business.Administrator@uregina.ca email account. All original receipts (and forms) should be kept and submitted once things return to normal.
Please remember that expenses incurred in this fiscal year need to be claimed in this fiscal year.