51st ASWOU Senate 2020-2021 Academic Year

Senate Resolution 6.21

Sponsored By: Senate President Marquez

SUMMARY

Requests WOU Faculty to offer Satisfactory/No Credit grading option for the 2020-2021 academic year

- WHEREAS, WOU offered a new grading option: Satisfactory/No Credit to students for the Spring 2020 term; and
- WHEREAS, Any student in a course graded A-F were able to opt-in to choose this grading option only in place for Spring 2020; and
- WHEREAS, This grading option was offered to students to help lessen the anxiety of remote learning and other areas of their lives that were impacted by Covid-19; and
- WHEREAS, WOU faculty wanted to extend their support to students by allowing them to have a choice over their course experience and help them succeed; and
- WHEREAS, WOU did not continue to offer the Satisfactory/No Credit grading option to students for the Fall 2020 term although ~95% of courses being offered online due to Covid-19; and
- WHEREAS, WOU students continue to adjust to remote learning, continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and racial injustice continues to affect Black students and students of color; and
- WHEREAS, Fall 2020 continues to be an extremely stressful time for WOU students, affecting students' mental health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS, WOU students would benefit academically from having a Satisfactory/No Credit option for the 2020-2021 school year; and
- WHEREAS, WOU students should be provided with the Satisfactory/No Credit grading option in order to succeed during these unprecedented and difficult times;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASWOU SENATE:

SECTION 1. The ASWOU Senate requests WOU faculty continue to offer students the Satisfactory/No Credit grading option for the 2020-2021 academic year.

SECTION 2. The Senate President will present this resolution to the Faculty Senate to supplement the advocacy efforts of Elizabeth Braatz and her presentation to the Faculty Senate.

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