

Pass/Fail Resolution SPECIAL Meeting, Minutes

March 25, 2020

Roll Call

- Roll taken
- 3 Absences
- Quorum

Pass/Fail Resolution from Senate

- Students are allowed to choose pass/fail for any class.
 - If a pass option is chosen, students may not count this towards Prerequisite or Gen-Ed requirements within the current language the senate resolution provides.
 - Possibility to pass internal resolution with this provision, or give a conditional vote of confidence based on counting passed classes towards major and general education degree requirements..
 - NCAA, VA Administration, and Graduate School do not accept pass/fail grades.
 - Discussion that the current circumstances may warrant exceptional actions on the part of students, University administration, and government to accommodate.
 - Many policies like this are being implemented at other universities.
 - Discussion of students needing to understand the unintended consequences of electing for pass/fail grading.
 - Would help students who are struggling without hurting their GPAs.
 - Current policy states that pass/fail credits may only be used for free electives.
 - Possibility to allow students to retake class regardless of grade in Spring 2020 term.

USG Internal Resolution:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TwvEP269DjdV14zHYvNNMG4K48nLe8q7nVUuHi8jiGE/edit>

- Zachary Olson moves to revise internal resolution to contain the phrase “RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University urges that for the Spring 2020 Semester, all final course grades which students opt to have evaluated on a pass/fail basis (S or E grading scheme) and are assessed an S grade are counted towards General Education and Major requirements.”
 - Second
 - 12 in favor
 - 4 opposed
 - 1 abstention
 - Motion Passes
- Zachary Olson moves to approve the internal resolution as it reads.
 - Second
 - Zachary Olson withdraws the motion

- John Nowosad moves to revise internal resolution to contain the phrase: Allowing students to repeat the class regardless of the grade they are receiving.
 - Second
 - John Nowosad makes a friendly amendment to state “Allowing students to repeat the class regardless of the grade they are receiving for the Spring 2020 Semester only”
 - 16 in favor
 - 0 opposed
 - 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes

- Jack Mitchell moves to revise internal resolution to add "up to 7 days" after “RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government of Michigan Technological University urges that for the Spring 2020 Semester, all students can,”
 - Second
 - 16 in favor
 - 0 opposed
 - 0 abstentions
 - Motion passes

- Jack Mitchell moves to approve the internal resolution
 - Second
 - Jack Mitchell withdraws the motion

- Zachary Olson moves to revise the internal resolution to include the phrase: “RESOLVED, that the support of the Undergraduate Student Government regarding changes to grading policies is contingent on meeting the conditions set forth in this resolution”
 - Second
 - Consensus
 - Motion passes.

- Zachary Olson moves to approve the resolution
 - Second
 - Consensus
 - Motion passes

- Meeting adjourned by chair.