

University of Baltimore
Student Government Association
Legislation 2020-2021
Resolution #4

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RESOLUTION calling for University of Baltimore School Administration to Provide Students with Credit Earned and Credit Not Earned Options for Grades during terms Summer 2020 & Fall 2020

WHEREAS, Circumstances that are out of our students control are massively influencing their ability to properly participate in academic endeavors at University of Baltimore and are affecting members of our campus community in many ways that under usual circumstances students would not face,

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, during which social distancing is imposed on people and in addition to this being a health crisis, our students home environments have been heavily affected,

WHEREAS, The United States is experiencing major unrests that relate to the systematic oppression of minority populations and police brutality, which for our school is very relevant as we have over 50% minority student population who are disproportionately experiencing the pain from these national occurrences that affect their communities,

WHEREAS, The United States is experiencing the highest level of unemployment since the Great Depression; Nearly quarter of the country is left without work or income, which will affect our student population that is primarily of a non-traditional background and impose economic hardships outside of school where our students will continue to struggle to pay their rent, bills and sustain their families due to COVID-19,

WHEREAS, In the Spring 2020 semester when all this was starting University of Baltimore acknowledged the circumstances that our students were facing and allowed to opt in for alternative grading, the situation has only gotten dramatically worse since then.

WHEREAS, Providing students with the choice to opt in for Credit Earned or Credit Not Earned grades would allow them to take into account all the circumstances that are affecting their lives and academic studies and allow them to receive a grade that best represents their work under the severely unusual circumstances that we are dealing with.

WHEREAS, our students will feel more supported and understood from University of Baltimore in their pursuit of Higher Education during these unusual times,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED, That UBSGA call for to The University of Baltimore to allow students to opt in for alternative grading during Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 semesters because students are facing unprecedented circumstances that are not typical for the college experience.

LET IT BE ENACTED THAT, we cannot come from a place of privilege to expect students to be able to perform as well as they could under usual circumstances and we need to recognize what students are going through and foster a learning environment that will provide students with the best academic experience under the circumstances that we are dealing with.

LET IT BE ENACTED THAT, this resolution speaks on behalf of students and their needs in the coming semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the University of Baltimore Student Government Association will send this resolution upon approval to President Kurt Schmoke, and members of the Executive Cabinet to consider this recommendation made by students of the University of Baltimore.

Date Introduced: July 10, 2020

Date of Vote: July 10, 2020

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