

**SFA Faculty Senate Resolution on Recommendations for Temporary Changes to
Educational Policies for Spring 2020 in Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Passed by Majority March 27, 2020

The SFA Faculty Senate recognizes the enormous and unprecedented challenges that students face as a result of COVID-19, and in recognition of those circumstances, the Faculty Senate is proposing the following policy changes.

1. The SFA Faculty Senate recommends no changes to existing University Policies relating to grading during the Spring 2020 semester except for the following:
 - a. Students will be given until **Thursday, April 30** to drop from a course or withdraw from the university with W grades. The drop will not count against the Texas Education Code 51.907 'Six Drop Rule' limit. This eliminates the WP/WF withdrawal option from Spring 2020.
 - b. At the end of the Spring 2020 semester, undergraduate and graduate students on academic probation, whose cumulative GPA does not qualify them to be removed from probation, will be allowed to enroll for the Summer or Fall 2020 semesters with the same probationary status as they started Spring 2020. Spring 2020 grades will not immediately negatively impact students' academic standing.
2. The SFA Faculty Senate recommends that faculty are given wide latitude to address logistical issues of students with grading in their courses, including a broad, faculty-led interpretation of the existing WH policy as outlined in SFA Policy 5.5 as it existed in January 2020, with the exception that each faculty member in their courses be allowed to give students deadlines for completing course requirements provided they fall before May 1, 2021.

The SFA Faculty Senate would like to thank the Student Government Association who brought these issues to our attention, and argued for alternative policy changes.