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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Mary O'Brien,
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee
(SGSC)
RE: Grading Practices and Deadlines for Fall 2023

DATE October 23, 2023

For Information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting on October 19, 2023 Senate Graduate Studies Committee reviewed and approved the temporary revision to the Graduate General Regulation, 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies, **effective Fall 2023 only:**

- GGR 1.5.2 Competency Grading Basis: A temporary change to GGR 1.5.2 to allow graduate students to opt for Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading until the final day of classes.

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ATTENTION Senate Graduate Studies Committee **DATE** October 19, 2023
(SGSC)

FROM Mary O’Brien, Chair of Senate
Graduate Studies Committee

RE: Grading Practices and Deadlines for
the Fall 2023

Background:

An equitable response to the disruption resulting from the job action in the Fall 2023 term includes enabling greater flexibility for grading practices.

MOTION:

That SGSC approve a temporary change to GGR 1.5 (“Graduate Grading Systems and Policies”) allowing students to request the grading basis be changed after week two—and as late as the final day—of the term, effective for Fall 2023 only.

Rationale:

This change will allow requests for the S/U grading basis to be made after the second week of the fall term and create more options for students’ evaluation if they are impacted by circumstances related to the disruptions throughout the term. Approval from the course instructor and/or supervisory committee and graduate program chair will still be required. This change is effective for the Fall 2023 term only. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory notations may be counted towards the minimum program requirements in accordance with the existing policy under GGR 1.5.2 where students are permitted to use no more than two S/U courses, for a maximum of six units, towards their minimum course work requirement under 1.7.2.

From:

[...]

An individual student may request permission to have the grading basis changed or to take a course as an audit by applying to their supervisory committee. If that committee concurs, the request will be submitted to the graduate program chair followed by Graduate Studies for approval. The grading basis change must occur no later than the final day of classes in the term end of week two. Students are permitted to use no more than two S/U courses, for a maximum of six units, towards their minimum course work requirement under 1.7.2. None of the student’s minimum course work requirement under 1.7.2 may be completed as audit.

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