

June 30, 2020

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Chancellor

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Executive Vice Chancellor

SUBJECT: Summer 2020 Temporary Exception to Withdrawal Deadline

Dear Pradeep and Elizabeth,

Thank you for your continued partnership with the Academic Senate on matters pertaining to educational continuity due to the rapidly evolving situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Senate Council met on June 29, 2020 and discussed a proposal from the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) to temporarily extend the Summer 2020 deadline for undergraduate students to withdraw from a course or the term (Summer Session I, II, and Special Session) with a W grade. Senate Council approved the proposal. Specifically:

- A limited-term exception to San Diego Senate Regulation 501, Sections B and C, to extend the deadline for an undergraduate student to withdraw with a W grade from a course or the University during Summer Session I, II, and Special Sessions 2020 from what is equivalent of the end of Week 6 to the end of Week 9 during the regular ten-week academic term (i.e. until 90% of the Summer Session term is completed).

The proposed extension will align the withdrawal with a W grade deadline for undergraduates with the deadline already in place for graduate students. Given the fast pace of Summer Session and the requirement that courses are offered via remote instruction due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, both EPC and Senate Council support providing undergraduate students with more time to decide whether to withdraw from a course (with a W grade) or remain enrolled.

Sincerely,



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