



**7 May 2020**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING OPTING INTO PASS/D/FAIL GRADING AFTER  
FINAL GRADE DETERMINATION**

**RES.01.36**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 crisis has altered the academic practices of both DePaul faculty and students in an online learning environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DePaul faculty council voted unanimously on 8 April 2020 to provide the option for students to opt into Pass/D/Fail grading for the Spring Quarter of 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, DePaul students must opt into the Pass/D/Fail grading no later than the end of the tenth week of Spring Quarter 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, final exam week for students follows the tenth week of all courses, meaning the grades of students will be determined after the tenth week of Spring Quarter 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, finals across all disciplines have the potential to greatly impact a students' overall grade in a course; and,

**WHEREAS**, many universities around the country, such as George Washington University, the University of South Carolina, Indiana University, and the University of Kansas, have extended the Pass/Fail option to students after final grades have been determined; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Student Government Association believes students should have the option to request Pass/D/Fail grading until at least 22 June 2020, one business day after 19 June 2020 when final grades have been determined for all courses; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, all students, undergraduate, graduate, or law students, have the right to know their final exam and final class grades, to evaluate how the current changes affected their learning during the pandemic, and to make informed decisions about their grading moving forward; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, all students, undergraduate, graduate, or law students, be able to see their final exam and final class grades regardless of whether or not they opted into pass/fail; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Student Government Association also believes no student should be penalized for opting into the Pass/D/Fail grading scale after the determination final grades on 19 June 2020.