Recommendation on Grading, Course Drop Deadline, and Academic Standing for Spring 2020 Graduate Courses

The Graduate Council makes the following recommendations in regards to grading, course drop deadline, and academic standing for the spring 2020 semester.

Grading
The Graduate Council recommends that the deadline for students to change the grading basis in a course be extended to the same date recommended by UCC and Faculty Senate for undergraduate curriculum. The Council further recommends that the spring 2020 semester be made an exception to all policies restricting the choice of the Pass/Fail (S/F) grade basis, except that each department in consultation with its college be allowed to submit a list of courses for which S/F cannot be chosen. Departments and colleges must submit their lists by the deadline recommended by the UCC/Faculty Senate for undergraduate courses. The current policy in the graduate catalog that "Instructors decide what constitutes a grade of pass for their courses" shall not be affected by this Spring 2020 recommendation. The Graduate Council strongly recommends that students be advised by a faculty or professional advisor prior to changing the grade basis and that such advice be sought as soon as possible, preferably prior to the end of the term. College advising offices should help with this process.

Course Drop Deadline
The Graduate Council recommends that the deadline to drop a course with a W assigned be extended to the same date as the one recommended for undergraduate courses.

Academic Standing
The Graduate Council recommends that the spring 2020 semester be treated in the same manner as a summer semester so that academic standing can only be positively impacted by the semester.