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TO: Robert Placido, Interim VCAA

FROM: Eric Brown, Provost

RE: Temporary Policy Change, P/F option for Spring 2020

DATE: March 23, 2020

Recognizing the extraordinary circumstances of the spring 2020 semester, the following emergency grading system policy will be implemented for the duration of the term at the University of Maine at Farmington:

UMF will adopt two options to increase student flexibility regarding their final grade: a new default, hybrid grading system for all courses and an extended Pass/Fail alternative also applicable to all courses.

Under the hybrid grading system, students will receive an A, B, C, “Low Pass,” or “Fail” grade. No letter grades of Ds or Fs will be assigned this semester. Instead, grades below a C- will be replaced with “Low Pass” (D+, D, D-) or “Fail.” “Low Pass” and “Fail” grades will not be included in the calculation of the student’s GPA. A, B, and C letter grades will continue to be included in the calculation of GPA in the traditional manner.

Additionally, students will have the option of requesting a “Pass,” “Low Pass,” or “Fail” grading system in place of the hybrid grading system. Under this Pass/Fail system none of the grades will be included in the calculation of GPA. This request can be submitted to the Registrar’s Office at any point through May 31, 2020, including after final grades have been assigned. However, once a request for the Pass/Fail grading system in a course has been submitted, the designation may not be reversed.

For courses in which a minimum grade is required, students must receive a letter grade or a “Pass” to meet that requirement. For all other major and general education requirements, a “Low Pass” or above will meet the requirement.