Implementation of Faculty Senate Executive Committee Recommendation for Spring 2020 Grading within the College of Engineering

It was recommended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, based on the sentiment gathered from the full senate, that pass/pass D/no credit grading options be added to the current letter grade options for the spring 2020 semester.

Undergraduate Student Grade Options for Spring 2020
All undergraduate students will initially be assigned a letter grade from their instructors for their Spring 2020 classes.

Two grade conversions will be made automatically for those courses ending after Mar 12, 2020:

1. Undergraduate students who receive a D in a Spring 2020 course will be assigned a “Pass D” (PD). “Pass D” will receive credit and will not count in GPA.
2. Undergraduate students who receive an F in a Spring 2020 course will be assigned a “No Credit” (NC). “No Credit” will not count in GPA.

Undergraduate students completing classes after March 12th, 2020, can request to have their Spring 2020 grades changed according to the following rules:

- Students must request the grade change after final grades are posted but before October 1st, 2020. Seniors graduating in Spring 2020 or Summer 2020 must request the change at the end of their graduating term.
- Undergraduate students who receive a C- or better in a Spring 2020 course can request that the grade be replaced with a P (“Pass”).
- Undergraduate students who receive a “Pass D” in a Spring 2020 course can request that the grade be replaced with NC (“No Credit”).
- Students do not have to choose the P or NC option for all their classes under this policy. Requests are allowed on a course by course basis and students must petition each individual class for the P or NC option.
- Undergraduate students who are taking graduate level courses (5000-level and above) may request that a letter grade of C- or better be converted to P (“Pass”), with the caveat that the course or courses converted to P may not be accepted for graduate level credit at a later date by many institutions unless a grade of B or better is recorded for the course. Undergraduates taking graduate level courses also have the option to request a “Pass D” be converted to “No Credit”, NC.

The last day to withdraw from an individual class with a W will be moved to April 30, 2020. Prior to deciding to withdraw, students should meet with their advisors to discuss the best option for degree completion and career path.

Faculty Undergraduate Grading Processes for Spring 2020
Grade rosters for spring classes will open on May 1, 2020. Instructors will submit letter grades as usual with a deadline to submit final grades by May 12, 2020.
Administrative Handling of Spring 2020 grading

Grade Change Process:
An official record of grade change is required for university reporting. The process by which a student requests a change will be announced by April 30th.

GPA and Academic Standing for Spring 2020
Courses in which P/PD/NC are earned will not count in the UA GPA calculation but will still be recognizable on the transcript. The hours earned in courses in which P or PD was awarded will count toward graduation hours where applicable.

- Hours earned with a Pass D (PD) will count toward the 8 hour limit on D grades for all programs within the College of Engineering
- Within the College of Engineering hours earned with a PD or NC will not count toward degree progress where a C or better is required. For example:
  - If the hours are in a prerequisite course
  - If the program requires a C or better in any course in the major.

Spring 2020 academic standing will only be processed for students who improve their standing. A student on probation who improves to good standing would be processed. No student would be moved to probation, suspension, or dismissal based on Spring 2020 grades.

Graduate Student Grade Options
Graduate students enrolled in graduate programs administered by the college of engineering will not be allowed to take the Pass/No Credit option for both graduate level and undergraduate level courses.