

4 **RESOLUTION REGARDING FACULTY RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
5 **EMERGENCY MEASURES**

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7 WHEREAS the Faculty Senate recognizes that supporting instructional continuity during the  
8 COVID-19 pandemic will require unprecedented collaboration between the University of  
9 Wyoming administration, faculty, students, and staff; and

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11 WHEREAS the Faculty Senate supports the administration's decision to move all remaining  
12 course work for the Spring 2020 semester to remote or online delivery; and

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14 WHEREAS because of social distancing rules and other exigent circumstances created by the  
15 COVID-19 pandemic, students may be experiencing unforeseeable challenges in accessing food,  
16 housing, health, family care, employment, and computers and the internet throughout the  
17 remainder of the semester; and

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19 WHEREAS student financial aid is also at risk; and

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21 WHEREAS Academic Affairs is working diligently to address all of the foregoing concerns in a  
22 timely manner; and

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24 WHEREAS the Faculty Senate feels strongly that UW students should not suffer from or be held  
25 accountable for circumstances produced by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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27 WHEREAS the faculty of the University of Wyoming is unequivocally committed to student  
28 success;

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30 Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the University of Wyoming Faculty is:

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- 32 1. committed to exercising flexibility with respect to deadlines and attendance. In  
33 order to facilitate communications during this time of crisis, Faculty commit to  
34 communicating due dates for graded assignments with a minimum of one week  
35 of advance notice.  
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  - 37 2. committed to providing alternative and make-up assignments for students who  
38 have been sick or have cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and will not  
39 require medical notes.  
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  - 41 3. committed to promptly responding to student petitions to choose the S/U  
42 grading option; will deny such requests only in exceptional circumstances after a

43 discussion of those circumstances with any student making such request; and will  
44 not discriminate in any way against any student choosing the S/U grading option.

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46 4. committed to using incompletes as a last resort and only under extreme  
47 circumstances, given the undue burden that incompletes will place on both  
48 faculty and students in these uncertain times.

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50 5. committed to working with colleagues in their degree programs to ensure that  
51 vital content is reviewed in the Fall 2020 semester to prevent penalty to students  
52 for partial gaps in prerequisite knowledge due to Spring 2020 instructional  
53 continuity challenges.

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55 Be it further RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate:

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57 6. supports the extension of the deadline for students to choose S/U grading to April  
58 17, 2020.

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60 7. supports the extension of the deadline for students to withdraw from a course to  
61 May 8, 2020.

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63 8. supports allowing Deans to simplify, delay, or waive student course evaluations  
64 for the Spring 2020 semester.

***AUTHENTICATION:*** *The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 377, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of April 6, 2020, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*



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Dated: April 10, 2020