

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
July 20, 2020 – VIRTUAL SENATE MEETING

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4:00 PM

AGENDA

July 13, 2020

TO: Senators and Executives

FROM: Amy Hagstrom, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Special Faculty Senate Meeting July 20, 2020

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the special meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, July 20 at 4:00 p.m..

The Agenda will be as follows:

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I. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Approval of the Minutes: [June 22, 2020](#)

III. Remarks: Provost Robin Morgan

IV. Announcements: Senate President Charles Boncelet

V. Regular Agenda:

A. Unfinished Business: None

B. New Business:

1. Recommendation from the Emergency Task Force (Matthew Robinson and Lynn Okagaki, Co-Chairs) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **approval of a resolution to extend the modified pass/fail grading for Fall 2020 ([Attachment 1](#))**

WHEREAS, in the Spring 2020 academic term, the University of Delaware decided to move to a modified pass/fail system to accommodate students who might have been negatively impacted by the shift to online teaching (<https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/academic-regulations/>), and

WHEREAS, the co-led Faculty Senate/Provosts Office Emergency Academic Task Force voted to recommend the modified pass/fail grading system be extended to Fall 2020 Semester to continue to accommodate undergraduate students who may be adversely affected by COVID19 modifications to the learning environment, be it therefore

RESOLVED, the University of Delaware temporarily modify Faculty Handbook 3.1.9 (per [Attachment 1](#)) allowing a modified pass/fail grading system for Fall 2020.

2. Recommendation from the Emergency Task Force (Matthew Robinson and Lynn Okagaki, Co-Chairs) with the concurrence of the Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) for the **approval of a resolution to teach on Labor Day for Fall 2020 only**

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware regularly observes the Federal Holiday of Labor Day (this year September 7, 2020) to honor the social and economic achievements of American workers, however

WHEREAS, the co-led Faculty Senate/Provosts Office Emergency Academic Task Force voted to recommend teaching on Labor Day in Fall of 2020 to remove a three day weekend at the beginning of the semester to hopefully reduce COVID transmission, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the University of Delaware allow instruction on September 7, 2020

3. Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Charles Boncelet, Chair) with the concurrence of the Rules Committee (Brian Hanson, Chair) for the **approval of a revision to the Constitution of the Faculty of the University of Delaware and the Faculty Handbook 1.1 Section IV ([Attachment 1](#))**

WHEREAS, section 1.1.4. parts 1 and 2 of the Faculty Handbook regarding ex officio senators contains specifications that all Deans will be senators and that 12 is the maximum number of unelected senators, and

WHEREAS, the creation of two new Deans in Spring 2020 makes the existing language mathematically impossible, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that Faculty Handbook section 1.1.4. be modified as shown in [Attachment 1](#).

IX. Introduction of New Business:

Such items as may come before the Senate. (No motion introduced under new business, except a motion to refer to committee, shall be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)