Dear Faculty and Students,

I would like to start by thanking each and every one of you for your incredible resilience and dedication during this unprecedented time in our current higher education landscape. I look around at our incredibly dedicated faculty, staff, and students and have a deep sense of pride in our Lumberjack family.

We deeply appreciate the feedback and suggestions we have received from all stakeholders regarding the impacts to learning caused by COVID-19. Based on that feedback, we are implementing temporary policy changes for the Spring 2020 semester (details attached):

1) Student option to select Pass/Fail Grading for Spring 2020 semester
2) Increased flexibility and extended deadline for requesting Incomplete grading
3) Extended deadline for requesting a Single Class Withdrawal

These revised policies promote flexibility to support students’ successful completion of the Spring 2020 semester. They apply to all undergraduate and graduate students with the exception of Personalized Learning. Students in Personalized Learning programs will be receiving additional communications from Vice Provost Gayla Stoner for program-specific updates to specific processes impacting them.

Thank you again for all you are doing to navigate remote and online learning. It is my sincere hope that these policy changes provide students the flexibility they may need during these uncertain times. As always, please keep up-to-date with all information related to the COVID-19 situation at NAU.

Stay healthy and safe.

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