

# Wichita State University

## Student Government Association

### 63rd Session of the Association

**TITLE:** AR-63-003: Resolution to Request an Alternative Grading Scale for the Spring 2020 Semester

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**DATE:** May 6th, 2020

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1 WHEREAS in March, as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University made the  
2 decision to suspend all in-person classes and to transition those classes to being  
3 online only; and

4 WHEREAS faculty members were not prepared to provide an online curriculum for  
5 students enrolled in their classes; and

6 WHEREAS faculty were given little time to create and adapt to alternative methods of  
7 giving instruction and assignment; and

8 WHEREAS quickly and unexpectedly switching to an online format of courses creates  
9 challenges for students to acclimate to the new virtual setting; and

10 WHEREAS students have faced and continue to face various hardships as a result of the  
11 COVID-19 pandemic, including loss of income, change of residency, and mental and  
12 physical health issues; and

13 WHEREAS the combination of unexpected changes to courses and the various personal  
14 circumstances of students proves to be a hinderance to the ability of students to  
15 perform well academically; and

16 WHEREAS several universities, both locally and nationally, have made changes to their  
17 grading scale in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

18 WHEREAS the 62nd Session Senate voted to pass R-62-012: Resolution to Request an  
19 Alternative Grading Scale for the Spring 2020 Semester; and

20 WHEREAS the University's policy of providing students the option to register a course as  
21 credit/no credit is not sufficient for a number of reasons, such as students who need  
22 to take courses for a letter grade in order to retain scholarships, or students who  
23 need a letter grade because they wish to apply to graduate school, medical school, or  
24 law school; therefore

25 BE IT RESOLVED be it resolved that the 63rd Session Senate strongly encourages the  
26 University to request professors amend the current letter grading system, making As  
27 100-85, Bs 84-70, and Cs 69-50, instead of the current grading system; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to Dr.  
29 Jay Golden, University President; Dr. Rick Muma, Provost; Dr. Jeffery Jarman,  
30 President of the Faculty Senate; The Members of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Teri Hall,  
31 Vice President for Student Affairs; and the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of  
32 Wichita State University.

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33 **APPROVED: 06 Day of May 2020**

  
Olivia Babin (May 7, 2020)

Olivia Babin  
Speaker of the Senate

5/7/2020

Date



Rija Khan  
President of the Association

5/7/20

Date

**PASSED**

During a Session of the Student Senate, by a 31-4-1 vote of the Student Senate









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