



Chancellor's Cabinet March 31, 2020

COVID-19 Grading Policy Changes

EXCUSED WITHDRAWAL (EW)

The Chancellor's office suspended the requirement for students to file a petition and provide documentation to be assigned an Excused Withdrawal (EW).

SDCCD Impact: District Student Services will manually adjust all student records, as appropriate. Any student who withdraws from classes between March 9, 2020 and May 8, 2020 will have their W changed to an Excused Withdrawal (EW). After May 8, 2020, a petition will be required depending on the status of COVID-19. It will not count against the student for progress probation or dismissal procedures or as a repeat for enrollment purposes.

Financial Aid Impact: The Department of Education has enacted legislation to exclude the "EW" for progress purposes but we are still waiting on final details.

INCOMPLETE GRADE (I)

The Chancellor's office suspended the "I" symbol being used in the progress probation and dismissal procedures.

Title 5, Section 55023 (e) states:

Incomplete: Incomplete academic work for unforeseeable, emergency and justifiable reasons **at the end of the term** may result in an "I" symbol being entered in the student's record. The condition for the removal of the "I" shall be stated by the instructor in a written record. This record shall contain the conditions for the removal of the "I" and the grade assigned in lieu of its removal. This record must be given to the student with a copy on file with the registrar until the "I" is made up or the time limit has passed. A final grade shall be assigned when the work stipulated has been completed and evaluated, or when the time limit for completing the work has passed.

SDCCD Impact: It will be very difficult to reprogram academic standing in Campus Solutions in a timely manner. The team is researching options.

Financial Aid Impact: The Department of Education has enacted legislation to exclude the "I" for progress purposes but we are still waiting on final details.

IN PROGRESS (IP)

The Chancellors Officer reminded colleges that Title 5, Section 55023 allows for the use of an “IP” symbol for courses that extend beyond the normal end of an academic term and that an appropriate evaluative symbol will be assigned once the course is completed.

SDCCD Impact: Changes to the Campus Solutions grading methods will be required and perhaps the faculty grade sheet to allow for the IP symbol. If this cannot be programmed in a timely manner, District Student Services will manually adjust all student records, as appropriate.

Financial Aid Impact: No impact as the class is considered “in session.”

PASS/NO PASS DEADLINE (P/NP)

The Chancellor’s office has suspended Title 5, Section 55022, which requires that the Pass/No Pass deadline is set at the 30% point in a course. Additionally, it suspended the “NP” symbol in the progress probation and dismissal procedures to not negatively impact students who may continue with a course but ultimately be unsuccessful.

SDCCD Impact: The P/NP deadline will be extended to April 17, 2020 but this can be adjusted as determined by the leadership.

It will be very difficult to reprogram academic standing in Campus Solutions in a timely manner. The team is researching options.

Financial Aid Impact: The Department of Education has enacted legislation to exclude the “NP” for progress purposes but we are still waiting on final details.

UC/CSU Impact: SDCCD already has a practice of limiting students to 12 units of P/NP in an effort to prevent transfer issues. There will be additional notices via email for student to use caution in selecting this option, especially for courses required in the major.

REPETITION POLICY

The Chancellor’s Office suspended Title 5, Section 55045 regarding course repetition due to extenuating circumstances, students repeating any course due to COVID-19 will not need supporting documentation.