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Sent to Academic Senate and Academic Federation Members

Subject: Spring 2020 Final Exams

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, our UC Davis community is currently experiencing the compounding stressful effects of the global pandemic with the pain, suffering, and outrage over the recent killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor. Many of our students also currently live in areas where national protests are taking place.

Due to these events, some instructors who have scheduled a final exam in Spring 2020 may wish to offer students the alternative of receiving their course grade based on work completed through the last day of instruction (June 4). Should a faculty member desire to do this, the Academic Senate authorizes this for Spring 2020, provided those students who wish to take the scheduled final exam are allowed to do so.

I recognize that many instructors will still determine that it is essential for their students to take the final exam. In these cases, it may be helpful for instructors to remind their students of the many flexibilities that are already in place to help students in Spring 2020: Students have the option to take many courses P/NP, courses taken P/NP Spring 2020 do not count towards the P/NP unit caps for graduation, and advisors have been encouraged to be flexible with requests for late drops. As with all quarters, students can also contact instructors to request an incomplete.

Thank you for your tremendous efforts this quarter to persevere with our teaching mission.

Best,  
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