

Undergraduate Council E-Vote Summary Report – March 23, 2020

Submitted by Anthony Welch, Chair

The Undergraduate Council will conduct an electronic vote on March 23-25, 2020, to approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Academic Policy Committee held on March 18, 2020.

This e-vote will expedite some temporary changes to academic policy for Spring and Summer 2020 that will help undergraduates cope with the disruption caused by UTK's shift to fully online education in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the urgency of these policy adjustments, the Undergraduate Council and the Faculty Senate Executive Council will review the proposals concurrently. FSEC approval of these measures will be contingent upon the outcome of the Undergraduate Council e-vote.

Academic Policy (March 18): The committee presented four proposals:

- (1) to enact immediately the policy approved by the Faculty Senate on March 2, 2020, to increase the maximum number of allowed class drops (i.e., "W"s) from four to six classes, which had been scheduled to take effect in Fall 2021;
- (2) to extend the deadline for late drops ("W"s) to April 22, 2020, for full- and second-term courses in Spring 2020;
- (3) to suspend any academic dismissals that would take place during Spring 2020 or Summer 2020;
- (4) to extend the deadline for students to choose S/NC grading for Spring 2020 classes from January 17, 2020, to April 22, 2020, and, for Spring 2020 courses only, to allow S/NC grading for General Education courses and courses that are part of major or minor requirements.

The committee considered some additional measures, summarized in the minutes as informational items, but took no action on those proposals at this time.