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Subject: Revision to the Use of Digital Learning Resource Policy for the COVID-19 period

To all Deans, Associate Deans, Heads and Directors:

In May 2020, the University approved an amended [COVID-19 Emergency Academic Plan](#) to ensure that academic units would have greater flexibility in responding to the rapidly changing conditions and requirements created by COVID-19. In keeping with that goal, and in response to the significant changes in the teaching and assessment context, provostial guidelines related to the use of digital learning resources for instructional and assessment purposes will, for the period of the COVID-19 Emergency Academic Plan, also be guided by the provisions of section 2 of the Academic Emergency Plan.

Specifically, with the approval of the Dean, faculty may enact courses assessment frameworks that deviate from the limits identified in section 2(b) of [The Use of Digital Learning Resources for Instructional and Assessment Purposes](#) policy. This will entitle Deans to approve course plans where more than 35% of a course's assessments rely on digital learning resources that students are required to purchase. Limits to allowable costs outlined in the policy remain unchanged, as do all other requirements. Instructors and Faculties are strongly encouraged to make every attempt to find solutions for students for whom the purchase of a given digital learning resource is a financial burden. Exceptions must only be granted where an equivalent low or no-cost alternative is not available.

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