

**University of Windsor  
Senate**

6.0: **COVID-19 Emergency Academic Plan**

Item for: **Approval**

**MOTION: That Senate pass the following COVID-19 Emergency Academic Plan.**

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After consultation with the President's Executive Committee and Deans, the President may declare a COVID-19 Emergency at any time between March 13<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

After declaration of a COVID-19 Emergency, the following academic plans may be implemented:

- [1] A suspension of Senate Bylaw 54 Undergraduate Academic Evaluation Procedures 54.1. to 54.2.17 and Senate Bylaw 55 Graduate Academic Evaluation Procedures to allow for the alteration of the modes of evaluation from that originally post in the course syllabus.
- [2] Provide for faculty, after consultation with the Head of Department, the Dean or the Associate Dean, to alter the mode of delivery of classes to a mode other than that stated in the calendar.
- [3] Alteration and extension of any examination periods.
- [4] Use of an on-line approval of graduates eligible to graduate at the Spring 2020 convocation in substitution for a formal senate meeting.
- [5] Alteration of summer and intersession timetables, class schedules and examination periods.
- [6] To allow the AVP Enrolment Management and Registrar to work in conjunction with academic departmental Deans, Associate Deans and Heads of Department, to make any necessary accommodations to allow eligible students to register in the programs to which they have been admitted.
- [7] To request RTP committees to be cognizant of the extenuating circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic in any discussion of a faculty member's SET scores from the Winter 2020 semester.
- [8] Following approval by the relevant Dean, to waive other Senate bylaw or policy provisions which impact academic courses and degree progression, provided that the academic integrity of the course and degree is upheld.
- [9] To allow e-votes (or e-meetings) for Senate or Senate Committee matters, where a meeting cannot be held in-person due to COVID-19 restrictions. Changes to policy will come back to Senate for approval, where the intent is that they are not restricted to the COVID-19 emergency period.

## **Rationale**

The declaration by the World Health Organization that the coronavirus is now a pandemic has resulted in the University reactivating its pandemic plan first created for the SARS epidemic. The pandemic plan largely requires a supplemental emergency academic plan that allows academic administration to deviate from some senate bylaw provisions related to academic instruction and evaluation.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an aggressive virus that has the potential to disrupt the academic plans of our students. While the university is monitoring events daily, we believe that it is prudent to provide for a mechanism that allows for an immediate but tailored response to evolving events. The above motion gives the academic administration the powers to respond quickly and efficiently.