



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

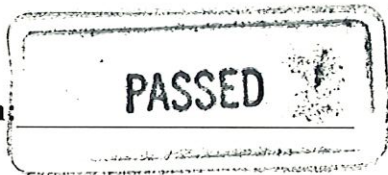
S.R. 73-40

Texas A&M University  
The Student Senate  
73rd Session

## Requestable Transcript Letter Resolution

*"A resolution advocating for students to be issued upon request an official letter notifying readers of transcripts that Texas A&M did not offer a pass/fail grading option in the Fall of 2020."*

Action Taken:



Certified By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary McCue".  
Zachary McCue  
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 2-03-21

Introduced By: Michael McKnight, Off-Campus Caucus

Sponsored By: Chandler Trosclair, Speaker Pro Tempore

**Whereas(1):** Many American universities, such as the University of Texas at Austin<sup>1</sup> and Harvard University<sup>2</sup>, offered a pass/fail grading option to their students in the Fall of 2020; and,

**Whereas(2):** Students at such universities will therefore have inflated GPAs, since pass/fail eliminates lower grades that would otherwise lower their GPA; and,

**Whereas(3):** The Texas A&M Faculty Senate elected to not support a pass/fail option for students at Texas A&M<sup>3</sup>, with the contemporary administration concurring with that decision; and,

<sup>1</sup> UT Faculty Council passes resolution supporting fall 2020 pass/fail, Q-drop expansion. (2020, Nov. 23). Retrieved Feb. 2, 2021, from <https://thedailytexan.com/2020/11/23/ut-austin-faculty-council-fall-2020-pass-fail-q-drop>

<sup>2</sup> College Extends Deadline to Switch to Pass-Fail Grading to Nov. 16. (2020, Oct. 21). Retrieved Feb. 2, 2021 from <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2020/10/21/pass-fail-deadline-extended/>

<sup>3</sup> Faculty senate denies student leaders' request for pass/fail. (2020, Dec. 1). Retrieved Feb. 2, 2021 from [http://www.thebatt.com/news/faculty-senate-denies-student-leaders-request-for-pass-fail/article\\_c6f50f46-342c-11eb-8a0a-1bc22539dbc5.html](http://www.thebatt.com/news/faculty-senate-denies-student-leaders-request-for-pass-fail/article_c6f50f46-342c-11eb-8a0a-1bc22539dbc5.html)



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**Whereas(4):** Many Texas A&M students are planning to apply to various post-undergrad institutions with competitive admissions processes, where a competitive GPA is of the utmost importance; and,

**Whereas(5):** An individual Texas A&M student with identical skills and qualifications to an individual student at different institution might appear to have a worse GPA; and,

**Whereas(6):** Since pass/fail grading policies were widespread at American universities in the Fall of 2020, admissions officers not familiar with Texas A&M may simply assume that this university did in fact implement pass/fail, and judge a student's transcript without knowledge of the true policy in mind; and,

**Whereas (7):** The present situation therefore potentially disadvantages Texas A&M students who are seeking admission to post-undergrad institutions in competition with students from other universities who were offered a pass/fail grading option; and,

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved(1):** That while The Student Senate acknowledges the decision of The Faculty Senate and the administration regarding the implementation of a pass/fail grading option, we ask that Texas A&M University provide some form of official notification to those reading an official student transcript that unlike many universities, Texas A&M did not offer a pass/fail grading option in the Fall of 2020; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(2):** We kindly request that this might take the form of an official letter that would be available on Howdy upon request to any student that was enrolled at Texas A&M in the Fall of 2020; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(3):** Regardless of form, we ask that the University would provide some official notification to recipients of transcripts that Texas A&M did not offer a pass/fail grading option; and,




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Let it be

Further

**Resolved(4):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:

*Interim President John L. Junkins*

*Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs*

*Dr. Mark H. Weichold, Interim Provost & Executive Vice President*

*Dr. John Stallone, Faculty Senate Speaker*

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