

Office of the Provost: Student Letter on Pass Fail Conversation

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Office of the Provost



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Dear Howard University Students,

We understand the significant academic disruption that you have experienced due to the COVID-19 crisis globally, in the United States, and within our Howard University community. As a result of the spread of the virus and in an effort to keep our students, faculty and staff safe, we are each transitioning to remote and online instruction in each of our academic programs. Additionally, we are modifying our University operations and processes so that the majority of our workforce is operating in a remote work environment.

We have received a formal request from HUSA asking the University to

consider providing the option of Pass/Fail Grades to undergraduate students in the current semester rather than the usual letter grading system. As we make a determination regarding this request, we also want to give students, faculty, and administrators the opportunity to weigh in regarding this issue.

As a result, we will host a Virtual Town Hall discussion on tomorrow, Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. (EDT) via Zoom. I will moderate a discussion with representatives from our Deans, and we will take questions and comments regarding this topic. If you'd like to submit your questions in advance, please do so by responding to this email by Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 8 a.m.

Howard University's guiding principles of academic integrity, professionalism, empathy for the impact of the current crisis, holding a Howard education in high esteem, respect for our faculty and the principle of learning through effort will serve as the foundation of the ultimate decision. A formal decision regarding the request will be communicated by Friday, March 27, 2020. A fact sheet is provided with several pros and cons to guide the discussion available at this [link](#).

You can join the discussion as follows below:

Howard University invites you to a Zoom webinar.

When: Mar 26, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Virtual Town Hall on Pass/Fail Option

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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