GSS Vice President, Elizabeth Weidner, submitted the following resolution for the consideration of the Graduate Student Senate.

Resolution AY2019-2020.7, Spring 2020 Pass/Fail Option for Graduate Courses

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has forced The University of New Hampshire to close the campus to all students, professors, and staff; and

WHEREAS, The closure of campus has forced the University of New Hampshire to move the remainder of the Spring 2020 courses online; and

WHEREAS, University of New Hampshire professors and instructors may not be prepared to transition their course work online; and

WHEREAS, Spring 2020 courses may or may not transition well to an online format; and

WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and administration of the University of New Hampshire are suffering unparalleled disruptions; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic may have put increased financial, family, housing or other obligations on the University of New Hampshire population; and

WHEREAS, Some graduate students could be challenged more than others due to circumstances beyond their control (e.g. lack of internet access, illness of family members, loss of income, stress).
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO URGE, The University of New Hampshire to provide graduate students with an opt-in pass/fail option for all Spring 2020 course work; and

TO URGE, faculty at The University of New Hampshire to be flexible and understanding when grading Spring 2020 graduate courses; and

TO URGE, The University of New Hampshire to allow all passing grades, which are currently defined as a B- and up for graduate courses, to count towards degree requirements; and

TO URGE, The University of New Hampshire to adopt a penalty-free drop of a single course.

*This resolution was approved unanimously by the Graduate Student Senate on 04/06/2020.

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