

# Graduate Student Senate



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

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## **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).

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## **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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Graduate Student Senate President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Casey O'Heran".

Casey O'Heran