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The Board of Regents  
University of the Philippines

Through : Atty. Danilo L. Concepcion  
President

Dr. Maria Cynthia Rose B. Bautista  
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Dear Regents:

The University of the Philippines Diliman, in accordance with Provision 6.1.6 of the Implementing Guidelines of the UP System Policy on the Second Semester AY 2019-2020 in the time of COVID-19, would like to apply for exemption from the numeric grading system in the Second Semester AY 2019-2020.

At its 292<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 23 April 2020, the UPD Executive Committee (UPD ExeCom) resolved to adopt the following grading system:

1. The faculty will give a grade of **Pass** to students whose status is passing or are satisfactorily complying with course requirements, in the judgement of the faculty.
2. A faculty, with the permission of the concerned department or unit, and in consideration of what is beneficial to the student, may qualify the grade of Pass by providing an adjectival remark following the UP General Catalogue 2014, as follows: Excellent (1.00 – 1.25); Very Good (1.50 – 1.75); Good (2.00 – 2.25); Satisfactory (2.50 – 2.75); Pass (3.00).
3. The faculty, on her/his own volition or upon the request of the students, may give a numeric grade in lieu of a Pass.

The UPD ExeCom, on motion made and seconded, resolved further, as follows: All grades received for the Second Semester will not be included in the computation of a student's general weighted average (GWA).


The above resolutions are compelled by the reality that in these extraordinary times, the usual grading scale cannot properly measure the performance of students, many of whom suffer from anxiety and stress. The assessment standards we used pre-COVID clearly cannot be applied to this semester, which has been disrupted by the pandemic and the resulting humanitarian crisis.

Moreover, the resolutions were the product of several consultations and discussions with different stakeholders at both the college and CU levels. While we begin preparing for our University's transition into the new normal, we need to recognize the unique circumstances of this current Semester. We believe we must integrate empathy and compassion into our guidelines by providing our faculty and students maximum consideration and flexibility in the grading system.

We urge for your approval of the resolutions stated above.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Nemenzo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

FIDEL R. NEMENZO, D.Sc.  
Chancellor