



Senate Resolution

Resolution No: SR 20-01

Resolution Title: Urging UHWO Faculty and Instructors to Temporarily Modify Course Requirements in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE:

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu (ASUHW O) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 3,000 classified undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, stated in the constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu "The purpose of this organization shall be to provide democratic representation for the students of the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu and to promote student participation in educational, cultural, social and community activities;" and

WHEREAS, beginning on March 23, 2020, the 10-campus UH system moved to an online delivery mode of instruction as outlined by UH President David Lassner in response to the COVID-19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, initially in-person courses were scheduled to resume on April 13, 2020, however online delivery of courses has been extended until the end of the Spring 2020 semester as put forward by UH President David Lassner; and

WHEREAS, approximately 300 (10%) of the student population at UHWO are enrolled solely in traditional in-person classes; and

WHEREAS, some students may lack the technological resources and expertise to participate in online courses; and

WHEREAS, instructors have had to make significant modifications to curriculum and pedagogy to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, reported by the Economic Research Organization at the University of Hawaii, as many as 80,000 workers may lose their jobs as a result of the ongoing health crisis² and some of these workers may include UH students; and

WHEREAS, many students will face economic uncertainty and financial difficulties as a result of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this COVID-19 pandemic is creating an environment of stress that could affect student academic performance; and

BE IT RESOLVED that all UHWO professors and lecturers modify their course syllabi to include provisions that allow for student flexibility in this time of crisis; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all UHWO professors and lecturers institute flexible attendance requirements and assignment deadlines for students, including exams and quizzes. This includes, but is not limited to, the opportunity to make up work and complete exams/quizzes without penalty if classes, quiz/exam dates, or deadlines are missed or partially attended for reasons directly related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to UHWO Chancellor Maenette Benham, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jeffrey Moniz, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Alan Rosenfeld, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jan Javinar, All Academic Division Chairs, All Faculty, Lecturers, and Instructors, and UHWO Faculty Senate Chair Tom Hirsbrunner.

ROLL CALL

Yeas(s): Vice President Cabingas, Secretary Pagaduan, Treasurer Mance, Senators Neri, Liang, Hutchinson, Hardin, Marcos [8]

Nay(s): [0]

Abstain(s): [0]

¹<https://uhero.hawaii.edu/interim-forecast-update-covid-19-will-impose-significant-economic-impacts-in-hawaii/>