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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	October 15, 2021
FROM	Wade Parkhouse, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/1 
RE:	Elective Grading System Extension to Summer 2023 term (SCUS 21-71)		

Action undertaken by SCUS on October 14, 2021 gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion:

That Senate approve the extension of the pilot Elective Grading System (P/CR/NC) through the Summer 2023 term.



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	SCUS	DATE	September 29, 2021
FROM	Tom Nault Registrar and Executive Director, Student Enrolment		
RE:	Elective Grading System Extension through Summer 2023 term		

Background:

The Elective Grade System (EGS) was brought into effect in Spring 2021 to recognize the challenges students are facing during the pandemic. The EGS provides students with the flexibility to opt into the grade system for elective courses (and required courses, in some cases), that will not impact their CGPA. This type of grade system is common at post-secondary institutions across Canada, including McGill, UBC, U of T, U of C, etc. The initial pilot period for the EGS was Spring 2021 to Fall 2021, aligning with other pandemic related, intervention measures, and was extended through Spring 2022 to allow for additional data collection to help inform a decision on making the pilot a permanent option or ending it.

It is increasingly evident that more data is needed before a recommendation on the program can be made. Students are still unfamiliar with the rules and benefits outside of pandemic relief context. To ensure sufficient data available to inform a full analysis of the pilot program, and make a recommendation to SCUS about the future of the EGS, at least another full academic year of data is required.

Motion:

“that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the extension of the pilot elective grading system (P/CR/NC) through the Summer 2023 term.”

Explanation of Elective Grade System

Students in undergraduate programs may designate standard letter grade elective courses with a Pass/Credit/No Credit (P/CR/NC) grade instead of a standard letter grade over the pilot period (Spring 2021 – ~~Spring 2022~~ **Summer 2023**). This grade will be recorded on a student's Official Transcript of Academic Record in lieu of their standard letter grade in the course.

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