MEMORANDUM

TO: ECU Official

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SUBJ: Emergency Grading Accommodation for Spring 2020

The university continues to adapt to the rapidly-changing circumstances that the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, present to us as a campus and individually. Today is the first day of our moving courses to alternative delivery methods. It’s been a massive undertaking by you and staff over the last week to prepare for this shift. We are grateful for your work implementing these changes.

We are writing today to make you aware an Emergency Grading Accommodation is being implemented for the Spring 2020 semester (including provision for pass/fail grades). The details for implementation being finalized now with more specific information to come. Currently this applies to undergraduate students only; the Graduate School is reviewing options for feasibility. Students will be notified of the Emergency Grading Accommodation today as well.

We understand that this change may cause some uncertainty and anxiety for students as we complete the spring semester. A webpage, Tips for Online Learning, has been created to list resources available to them. Please encourage your students to use it.

The university is making these modifications understanding the extraordinary circumstances this global pandemic has created for us all. This semester has been like no other. We appreciate the positive attitude that you have expressed while adapting your coursework to these new delivery methods.

The coming weeks will require flexibility, compassion and understanding. Please take care of yourself and your families, remember to practice social distancing, and let us know how we can help.