

Resolution re Online Teaching

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Whereas the public health crisis of the coronavirus pandemic required the cancelation of face-to-face meetings midway through Spring 2020;

Whereas the administration, following precedent set by other institutions, shifted all on campus instruction to an “online” format after Spring Break;

Whereas faculty have made and continue to make this “online” shift in order to meet the needs of students in these difficult times;

Whereas faculty making this shift have been and continue to be in contact with their students and their students’ instructional needs;

Whereas these shifts do not fall neatly into the instructional delivery categories outlined in UAR 136.02;

Whereas the faculty involved in this effort have both the experience and disciplinary expertise to make proper determinations of what will need to occur, should the pandemic continue or future problems arise;

Therefore be it resolved that faculty, through the representative body, Faculty Senate, will formalize guidelines for contingency plans regarding instruction and grading, guidelines that ensure the best outcomes for students by maintaining faculty control of the curriculum.