

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Due to the unfortunate turn of events that resulted from COVID-19, there was much division and debate about how to proceed with our academic grading scale. Thus the decision that was to be made during the Monday, March 30th meeting was tabled until Tuesday, April 7th.

Acknowledging the anxiety this might cause the student body, the Assembly sent the following statement to the faculty.

Dear
Faculty,

We want first to thank you all for giving much care and consideration to future grading policy adjustments. We fully recognize that reaching a decision poses many challenges, as this policy will affect the thousands of students that call Hamilton home. Nevertheless, the policy delay to next Tuesday, decided at the conclusion of yesterday's faculty meeting, has inadvertently caused great stress amongst the student population now attempting to complete schoolwork in the midst of academic uncertainty. Many class assignments and home-life routines hang in the balance of your decision.

As the Assembly, we see and hear these stresses and must urge you all to not delay a decision beyond the April 7th faculty meeting. Furthermore, we as an Assembly would advise moving this faculty meeting to an earlier date sometime this week, though we do understand there may be constitutional and personal obstacles to such a scheduling accommodation. If such a change is feasible, please do let us know.

With the end of the semester on the horizon, further delay of this decision could lead to greater negative impacts on the classroom experience than the very decision itself. While we trust you to all take great care in making the decision, we also insist that it be finalized as soon as possible. Please let us know if the Student Assembly can be of assistance on this front. Thank you for all the hard work and thought put into this difficult deliberation.

Sincerely, Hamilton College
Student Assembly

