

**University Senate Student Caucus**  
**Resolution in Support of the Implementation of a Pass/No-Credit Policy for the Spring 2021**  
**Semester**  
**November 2020**

**Whereas**, on November 18, 2020, a survey commissioned by the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) was released to the entire student body of all four campuses on the topic of the potential implementation of Pass/No Credit policies for the Fall 2020 Semester; and

**Whereas**, as of November 22, 2020, this survey garnered 13,248 total responses in just five days, and

**Whereas**, 12,734 out of 12,975 students, or 98.1 percent, were in favor of implementing a universal, optional, Pass/No Credit policy, as had been used in the Spring 2020 semester; and

**Whereas**, 8,348 out of 12,953 students, or 64.45 percent, answered ‘yes’ to the question of whether changes had been made to their courses after the semester had begun; and

**Whereas**, a scale of 1 to 5 for how living at home impacted students’ learning experience — with 5 being a strong positive impact and 1 being a strong negative impact — an average of 2.39 was discerned from 10,543 responses; and

**Whereas**, on a scale of 1 to 5 for how personal mental health from the global circumstances has affected the learning experience — with 5 being a strong positive impact and 1 being a strong negative impact — an average of 2.09 was discerned from 9,905 responses; and

**Whereas**, there exists a crystal clear obligation from the student body for the Rutgers University administration to act towards ensuring students a light in the form of Pass/No-Credit during these darkest of times; and

**Whereas**, five other institutions in the Big 10 — Pennsylvania State University, The Ohio State University, The University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign — have implemented similar Pass/No-Credit systems for their students;

**Whereas**, the Rutgers administration respected the voices of students implemented such a policy for the Fall semester; and

**Whereas**, the University plans to operate in a predominantly online manner similar to the Fall, and the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 remain uncertain into the Spring;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Rutgers University Senate strongly beseeches the Rutgers administration to provide support to our student body through the re-implementation of a Pass/No-Credit policy for the Spring 2021 Semester.