RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ("NJIT")
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
GRADE/PASS/FAIL OPTION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN
UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES.

WHEREAS, the current grading system can greatly impact a student's GPA if the student does poorly in a class.

WHEREAS, NJIT undergraduate students have expressed a concern to the NJIT Undergraduate Student Senate over the impact the current grading system has on a student's Grade Point Average ("GPA") and overall academic progress.

WHEREAS, the NJIT Undergraduate Student Senate recognizes that students may perform poorly on a class for multiple reasons - not relating to a student's academic effort including, but not limited to: serious illness, death in the family, personal loss, and other unforeseen circumstances. ("Circumstances")

WHEREAS, the NJIT Undergraduate Student Senate has researched and debated several comprehensive academic plans that will aid in student academic progress without hurting the student's GPA if circumstances do occur to the student throughout the semester OR if students feel that they are academically falling behind in a particular class.

WHEREAS, the plan being approved, resolved and passed by the Undergraduate Student Senate shall be known as the "grade/pass/fail" option.

WHEREAS, the grade/pass/fail option shall only be available to students during the fall semester and the spring semester.

WHEREAS, the grade/pass/fail option shall be available only to those students who are in good academic standing.

WHEREAS, the grade/pass/fail option shall NOT be initiated in prerequisites, labs, and gym classes.

WHEREAS, the grade/pass/fail option is available only TWICE to an undergraduate student throughout their academic collegiate career at NJIT.
WHEREAS, the grade/pass/fail option shall be initiated by a student by the means of completing the proper paperwork no later than the 9th week of the current semester.

WHEREAS, if a student initiates the grade/pass/fail option for a specific class - before the deadline and by completing the proper paperwork - the pass/fail option shall allow the student the ability to receive either a "pass" on their transcript of a "fail" on their transcript for that specific class INSTEAD OF the normal letter grade that the student achieves in that class.

WHEREAS, if the student who initiates the grade/pass/fail option receives a grade that is above a set baseline chosen by the student, the actual letter grade will appear on the student's transcript.

WHEREAS, if the student does pass - meaning above a 70 as the final grade for the class - the credits of that class shall be calculated with credits earned but shall NOT be used in the student's GPA calculation.

WHEREAS, if the student who initiates the grade/pass/fail option receives a grade that is below a 70, as the final grade for the class which the option was initiated, a "NP ( No Pass )" shall be put on the student's transcript for that class.

WHEREAS, if the student who initiates the grade/pass/fail option receives a "NP" on their transcript, the credits for that class shall NOT be calculated with credits earned and shall NOT be used in the student's GPA calculation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ("NJIT") UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SENATE HEREBY: requests the initiation of the grade/pass/fail option to be utilized by the Undergraduate students at NJIT starting from the next academic year.

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