## Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Revise PPM 107 Midterm Assessment of Undergraduate Students Resolution 2025-26D

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Policy Memorandum 107 (PPM 107) established a midterm university assessment that would provide a course midterm grade of "S" for "Satisfactory" for students with a grade of C or higher and "U" for Unsatisfactory for students earning below a C; and

**WHEREAS**, PPM 107 requires midterm grades only for freshmen and transfer students during their first semester, so that students and academic advisors are aware of academic progress; and

**WHEREAS**, the broad "S" and "U" grading system may be confusing for students due to lack of specific feedback potentially creating a misleading sense of security, difficulty in self-assessment and planning, and a misalignment with course expectations; and

**WHEREAS**, the "S" and "U" grading system has limited usefulness for advisors and academic support services as it may not flag students who are struggling but still technically passing and therefore delaying intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, the university's learning management system, Canvas, will soon include a gradebook that connects directly to midterm grade entry; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a grade that reflects the course's assigned grade mode (A–F or P/F) offers students a more accurate view of their academic standing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the University Registrar has the capability to run reports identifying freshmen and transfer students for midterm grade entry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that midterm grade entry will no longer use "S" for "Satisfactory" and "U" for "Unsatisfactory"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that midterm grade entry will use the assigned grade mode for each course to provide freshmen and transfer students with midterm grades; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Office of the University Registrar will provide reports identifying freshman and transfer students who should receive midterm grades.