Proposal to Revise the Transfer Credit Policy for P/NC Graded Courses in Spring 2020 Only

A number of colleges and universities changed their grading practices in the spring of 2020 due to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some institutions changed the grading in all courses to Pass/No Credit for the term, without giving students the option to receive a standard letter grade. Some schools added Pass and No Credit grades to their list of grade options, and allowed students to select Pass/No Credit grading for their courses. Some (like Westmont) expanded their existing Pass/No Credit grading option to allow a Passing grade to meet major, minor and GE requirements for spring 2020 only.

We are now seeing transfer students matriculating to Westmont with Passing grade notations in the spring 2020 semester. Under our normal transfer credit policy these courses would only be transferrable if the Passing grade was equivalent to a C- or better. If the grade was a C- or better the course would be used for elective credits only.

This proposal is to allow a Passing grade received in the spring 2020 at another institution to be transferred to Westmont and allow that course to meet any applicable major, minor or GE requirements for the student. This proposal is in line with the options that we gave our own students during that time period.