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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your thoughtful note and suggestions. As you may have seen, the university's COVID-19 FAQ includes the latest news on S/U grades for courses. We hope to have a decision by the Faculty Senate as soon as possible.  
<http://www.ufl.edu/health-updates/frequently-asked-questions/#students>

Warm regards,  
Kent

Kent Fuchs  
President  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** President, University of Florida (W. Kent Fuchs) <president@UFL.EDU>  
**Subject:** Optional Pass/ Fail System and Tuition Reimbursement for UF Students

Hello President Fuchs,

I would like to thank you for your response towards the current circumstances regarding Covid-19. I and thousands of other students are signing a petition which respectfully asks for every UF student's courses to have a pass/fail option for the remainder of the semester. Here are my reasons for this change.

**Reasons for an Optional Pass / Fail System:**

- the delivery of material online that is made for a traditional face-to-face lecture environment is difficult for multiple majors
- online zoom lectures are not the most efficient system to teach certain courses that have never been adapted to an online format
- time zone differences will affect zoom lectures for students who, for example, live on the west coast
- students having contacted the virus, the four on campus, will fall behind with lecture material as well as others who could potentially become sick
- if the grade that the student has now is what they want, knowing that they will pass the course with that grade, then that should be the final grade for the semester

**Reasons for Tuition Reimbursement:**

- students should receive tuition prorated reimbursement
- online courses cost less money and students should not be paying the same amount of money as an in-person courses given the current circumstances

I predict that there will be a decline in overall university grade point average. People all around the world who are negatively impacted by the virus, having to move around or stay in quarantine, are the most affected. Our international students, I imagine, are struggling right now, as so many are not able to see their families back home.

**Students who do not wish to accept the pass fail system should have the option to continue to have physical grades reflect their academic progress.**

Please take these points into consideration. Thank you.

Best Regards and stay safe,  
[REDACTED]