

Policy Suspension or Variation Instrument

VARIATION TO THE GRADUATION POLICY IN RESPONSE TO COVID 19

Section 1 - Purpose and Context

- (1) This instrument is made under clause 16 of the *Delegations of Authority Policy* that enables suspension or variation of University policies where this is reasonably necessary to respond appropriately to an emergency or an urgent circumstance.
- (2) The Approving Authority has deemed that suspension or variation to a Policy or Policies, as detailed below, is reasonably necessary to respond appropriately to the current COVID-19 virus pandemic.

Section 2 – Details of suspension or variation

- (3) Details of changes or suspension:
 - a) All students have graduated in absentia and not given the opportunity to defer their ceremony until later in the year, which is a suspension of clause (9) of the *Graduation Policy*.
 - b) Students will be given an opportunity to participate in a celebratory event later in the year, but it will not be the official conferral ceremony, as that has already been completed.

Commencement Date: 24 April 2020

End Date: 24 October 2020

Note: End date must but no longer than 6 months from Commencement Date, but this instrument may be extended or renewed for a further period of up to 6 months

Name of Approval Authority	Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy
Position of Approval Authority	Chair, Academic Senate
Date of Signature	17 April 2020 (ratified at Senate 2020/02 on 17 April 2020)
Date of Publication	22 April 2020

Section 3 - Extension/Renewal

- (4) This Policy Suspension or Variation Instrument has been extended for a period not exceeding 6 months, under clause 16 (b) of the *Delegations of Authority Policy*.

Name of Approval Authority	Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy
Position of Approval Authority	Chair, Academic Senate
Date of Signature of Extension	26 November 2020 (ratified at Senate 2020/06 on 4 December 2020)
New End Date:	24 April 2021
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