Dear Students,

Thank you again for your helpful input into our Spring 2020 grading policy. I am writing to provide you with a minor update to our grading policy. The updated memorandum on our grading policy and FAQs (see #8) are attached. All of this material will also be available on the Penn State Law COVID-19 Information website.

The Penn State Law faculty made this update to the grading policy in order to comply with guidance that the ABA sent to law deans last week on academic standards. We involved student representatives in the process, and confirmed with the ABA that this amendment would bring Penn State Law’s grading policy in compliance with its guidance.

The key language that we have changed is:

**Original Spring 2020 Grading Policy:** Students who need a certain GPA this semester to remain in good standing will be able to remain in good standing for now and use their Fall 2020 grades to attain the required minimum GPA. No student will fall out of good standing or lose Penn State Law scholarship awards based on this semester’s grades

**Amended Spring 2020 Grading Policy:** Students who need a certain GPA this semester to remain in good standing will be able to remain in good standing for now and use their Fall 2020 grades to attain the required minimum GPA. A student will only fall out of good standing if the student earns a “no-credit” grade in more than one course in the Spring 2020 semester. Students who fall out of good standing have the right to petition for reinstatement pursuant to our current rules for reinstatement available here — [https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/current-students/student-academic-handbook/academic-standing-rules/academic-standing-rules](https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/current-students/student-academic-handbook/academic-standing-rules/academic-standing-rules). No student will lose Penn State Law scholarship awards unless they fall out of good standing and are dismissed.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about this update. We remain committed to working with each student individually to address the challenges created by COVID-19, and to help our students launch their careers successfully.

Best,

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