



## **Associated Students of Fullerton College Recommendation**

**Recommendation of faculty leniency on exams and significant assignments for students attending in person classes to ensure said students do not feel obligated to attend class when they are ill or incapacitated.**

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**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

Fullerton College Faculty,

The Associated Students of Fullerton College recommends that all classes promote more lenient policies regarding exam and assignment deadlines within all in-person classes this fall and in semesters to come. It is vital that students and faculty work together to ensure the safety of those who will be on campus, and without more lenient policies, many students will feel an obligation to attend class even if they are ill. While many at Fullerton College hold their breath for a return to the realities present before the pandemic, Associated Students recommends that not all facets of life return to what they once were. One of these facets is strict assignment deadlines and exams policies that promote unhealthy outlooks amongst students. Before the pandemic, many students would overlook symptoms such as a cough, runny nose, or nausea in order to take an exam or submit an assignment in class. Few leniency policies existed that would allow for any student to make up an exam or important assignment if they were to miss class. This reality cannot continue today with classes that are returning to an in-person format. Students must not be placed into a position in which they must choose between their grades and the safety of those around them. A cough, runny nose, or nausea are not insignificant symptoms now; they are symptoms of Covid-19. For the sake of everyone's safety, faculty must make strides toward more lenient practices in the wake of this pandemic. There is nothing more important than the safety of everyone at Fullerton College and their families.

As Fullerton College foresees a gradual return to in-person classes, the Associated Students of Fullerton College urges faculty to adopt more lenient policies when it comes to both exams and important assignments. We hope that you will consider this recommendation, and take it into account as you prepare for the upcoming Spring 2022 semester.

Thoughtfully,

The Associated Students of Fullerton College