

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD  
ACADEMIC SENATE

**Extension of Temporary Suspension of the Online/Hybrid Instructor Certification  
Requirement**

RES 202101

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**RESOLVED:** That the temporary suspension of the University Handbook certification requirement for instructors teaching online or hybrid courses (those with an asynchronous component) be extended through Spring 2021.

**RATIONALE:** The University Handbook currently requires all faculty teaching online or hybrid courses receive certification. Section 303.1.1 states:

“All faculty teaching online or hybrid courses must be certified for online or hybrid instruction following the procedures established by the Distributed Learning Committee (refer to Section 203.12).”

Currently, the procedure for receiving certification is a three-step process facilitated by the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center (FTLC): 1) LMS training, 2) Summer Institute or Quality Matters training, and 3) Review and certification of one course in the LMS.

Academic Senate RES 192014 temporarily suspended the certification requirement for Spring 2020 due to the sudden transition to alternate delivery and the logistical challenges this presented in certifying instructors.

Given the announcement that Fall 2020 will continue to be in alternative delivery format, the FTLC has requested an extension of this temporary extension through the 2020/21 academic year, as the logistical challenges still remain.

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