

Portland State University Faculty Senate Motion

## **Temporary suspension of the 3.0 high school GPA for freshmen admission**

### Background, rationale, and preliminary discussions

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in April 2020, high school students have faced unprecedented challenges in their education. We recognize the difficulties many college-bound students have experienced in their remote and on-line courses. Students from low-income families and from marginalized communities have faced even greater barriers in completing high school with the GPAs they might have achieved during pre-COVID times. Recognizing these barriers, and honoring its equity, opportunity, and access mission, PSU proposes a temporary (up to three admissions cycles) suspension of the 3.00 high school GPA requirement for admission. The institution commits to providing additional support to ensure that we retain these and other students and that they thrive at PSU.

### Motion presented by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee

The Faculty Senate authorizes an immediate suspension of the 3.00 high school GPA requirement for freshmen admission. This suspension remains in place for the incoming freshmen classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The Faculty Senate requests a report on this temporary policy from Enrollment Management and/or the Office of Academic Affairs to assess the impact on students, faculty, and staff after the incoming class of 2021 has completed one full year of coursework (October 2022).

Presented to the Senate on February 1, 2021

Approved/ Denied by the Senate on \_\_\_\_\_