

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost
Academic Policy

TO: All Faculty

FROM: Dr. John J. Pauly, Provost

DATE: September 3, 2010

SUBJECT: POLICY ON FINAL EXAMINATION CANCELLATION DUE TO
UNIVERSITY CLOSING FOR SEVERE WEATHER

I asked the University Academic Senate to develop a weather cancellation policy for final examinations. The Committee on Academic Policies and Issues drafted the policy and University Academic Senate approved it on August 30, 2010. I concur with their recommendation and the following is the policy the university will follow when final examinations are cancelled due to the university closing for severe weather.

This policy is effective immediately and I ask you to communicate to your Fall 2010 classes the option you will follow should final examinations be cancelled due to the university closing. You should specify one of the following two options, in case of inclement weather: 1) the final will be administered in a mode (such as online) that does not require students to be on campus; or 2) the final will be cancelled and grades calculated on the basis of the coursework the student has completed up to the cancellation.

Starting in Spring 2011 you should include in your syllabus the option you have chosen for final examination cancellation should the university close for severe weather.

The Law School and School of Dentistry are exempt from this policy. Programs with existing policies on final examination cancellation due to university closure, or whose final examination is critical to licensing or accreditation, may request an exemption to this policy from the Office of the Provost.

cc: Academic Deans
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