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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Francesca Sammarruca, Faculty Secretary  
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FROM: C. Scott Green, President.

DATE: March 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Temporary Emergency Policy FSH 4345 Vandal Gateway Program

I have considered the resolution of the Faculty Senate (see Attachment 1 hereto) supporting the enactment of a temporary emergency policy establishing the Vandal Gateway Program (VGP). I find that enactment of a temporary policy establishing the VGP is necessary to protect the interests of the university and of the students who have already been offered admission to the VGP for Fall 2020.

Pursuant to FSH 1460 C-3, I hereby adopt FSH 4345 Vandal Gateway Program as set forth in Attachment 2 hereto. It is effective as of the date of my signature and will continue for 180 days or until revised admissions standards continuing the VGP are adopted, whichever occurs first.

Responsibility for communications regarding the VGP (including status reports outlined in the policy) shall lie within the Office of the Provost through the Office of Admissions and the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. It is my expectation that the Provost's Office work with the faculty to define the areas of accountability, the tools to assess the VGP, and the reporting mechanism for the assessments.

It is my expectation that the Provost's Office and Faculty Senate Leadership will work with the Policy Coordinator to prepare and pass the appropriate adjustments to the admission standards of the University so as to continue the VGP into the future. In order to continue the VGP without interruption, and to assure the program continues for the students in the pilot cohort, the revised admission standards must be adopted before the end of the spring semester 2020.

Attached: 1: Faculty Senate Resolution of February 18, 2020.  
2: FSH 4345 Vandal Gateway Program

**FSH 4345 (Temporary Policy per FSH 1460 C-3)  
Vandal Gateway Program**

**A. General.** In furtherance of the University of Idaho’s commitment to educational access, the pilot Vandal Gateway Program (VGP) is established. The pilot program shall begin Fall semester of 2020 with a VGP pilot cohort as described below.

**B. Admission.**

1. The Office of Admissions is authorized to admit into the VGP pilot cohort, without additional review, students who meet the following admissions criteria:

<b>GPA</b>	<b>ACT Composite</b>	<b>SAT EBRW + Math</b>
2.60-2.99	11-14	650-820
2.50-2.59	14-16	780-910
2.40-2.49	15-17	830-950
2.30-2.39	17-20	920-1050
2.20-2.29	19-22	990-1120
2.00-2.19	20-36	1030-1600

2. The Office of Admissions shall manage acceptance notifications. The VGP pilot cohort will close when 100 VGP students have matriculated or on June 30, 2020, whichever comes first. For purposes of this policy matriculation will be deemed to have occurred upon completion of registration by a VGP-eligible student.
3. All VGP students shall be enrolled in the Bachelor of General Studies program for their first two semesters.

**C. Administration.**

1. The College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS) will administer the pilot program.
2. CLASS shall work with the College of Science to establish academic course offerings for VGP students.
3. CLASS shall arrange for the provision of support programming for VGP students. Support programming may include extended classroom time, tutoring, social support programming, study hours, and similar services.
4. CLASS may establish program requirements such as residence in UI on-campus housing, class attendance, and participation in support programming.

**D. Assessment.** CLASS shall update the provost and faculty senate on the pilot program in the spring semester 2020 and at least once per year in subsequent calendar years for the duration of the pilot cohort regarding matriculation rates, program budgets, curriculum, and other performance metrics.

**E. Effectiveness.** This temporary emergency policy is adopted pursuant to FSH 1460 C-3. It shall be effective for 180 days after the date adopted by the President, or until a permanent policy is adopted, whichever comes first.