Course policy revision: Skill-check HW assignments

In the "Course Info and Policies" document from the first day of class, there is one category called "Skill-check HW assignments" that was specified as 20% of the final course grade. This was something new I wanted to try this semester: a way of having a medium-sized assignment in between the pass/fail prep questions and the more significant letter-grade write-up assignments.

Unfortunately, it has turned out to be difficult to time the SC HWs around the prep questions and WU #1!

I am revising the policies for SC HWs, as follows:

- There will still be **five SC HWs** made available.
  - Three of them will be posted before the midterm exam and will serve as review for the midterm.
  - Two of them will be posted near the end of the semester and will serve as review for WU #2.

- All SC HWs are **optional**. What this means:
  - You may turn in none, all, or just some of them.
  - If you turn in at least one SC HW, I will compute the average grade for all your submitted SC HW, and this will contribute to 20% of your final course grade.
  - However, if any individual SC HW grade has the effect of lowering your course grade, I will not count that SC HW grade. This applies to all SC HW that you turn in. So, completing SC HW is no-risk for you.
  - If you turn in no SC HW (or if no SC HW scores are counted toward your final grade), I will add up all the remaining parts of the course grade and divide by 80 (rather than by 100). That is, in this case, your course grade will be determined by all the non-SC HW work in the relevant proportions.

- No SC HW can be accepted late for a grade, since these assignments are optional.
  - If you choose to submit a late SC HW, then *if time permits* I will look it over and give you feedback. I will do my best, but I can't promise feedback for a late submission.