

Faculty Senate Routing Form  
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: Resolution Supporting a COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

a) Brief Description: This resolution indicates the Faculty Senate supports a vaccine mandate for COVID-19 for all university employees and students who have work responsibilities on campus.

b) Initiated by: Faculty Senate Planning Team

II. Faculty Senate Action:  approved  not approved  other date: 10/13/2021

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Vote:  Voice Vote, Unanimous  Voice Vote, Majority In Favor  
 Electronic Clicker: 24Ayes 4Nays 1Abstentions

FS Secretary signature: Elin K. McAlister date 10/13/2021

III. Provost:  for information  Recognition of Receipt  
 for action.....  approved  not approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Person responsible for Implementation: \_\_\_\_\_

Provost signature: [Signature] date 11/01/21

IV. Chancellor:  for information  Recognition of Receipt  
 for action.....  approved  not approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chancellor signature [Signature] date 11-1-21

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## Resolution Supporting a COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

WHEREAS the COVID-19 virus, especially its Delta and other variants, remains a continued and evolving threat to public health, and;

WHEREAS at the time of this writing, full approval has been authorized by the FDA for the Pfizer vaccine, and full approval for the other COVID-19 vaccines is expected to follow, and;

WHEREAS Western Carolina University's Faculty Senate recognizes and supports University Policy 44's "Safe and Healthful Working Conditions" mandate to "provide safe and healthful working conditions for its employees," and;

WHEREAS Western Carolina University has a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff whenever possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Faculty Senate of Western Carolina University that it supports a vaccine mandate for COVID-19 for all university employees and students who have work responsibilities on campus, according to regulations and administration of vaccines by the FDA or vaccine manufacturer, and with consideration for bona fide exemptions.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As noted in § 130A-155.1. Submission of certificate to college or universities.