

Reaffirm Academic Senate Resolution 21-05 in the Interest of Safe Learning Environments

Academic Senate Resolution 2022- 03

Whereas, local Senate Resolution 21-05“ Urging the Board of Trustees to Uphold Resolution 21-05 in the Interest of Safe Learning Environments and Public Health” and statewide Resolution 13.02 “In Support of Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in the Interest of Safe Learning Environments” were passed in Fall 2021 to encourage COVID-19 vaccination with appropriate exemptions for medical and religious reasons to support safe learning environments and the Student Senate for California Community College Board of Directors position on COVID-19 vaccinations; and,

Whereas, To protect public health, peer and transfer institutions including the University of California system¹ and the California State University system² are requiring students attending in-person classes to be vaccinated or with approved exemptions for COVID-19, and a statewide mandate for grades 7-12 takes effect July 6, 2022³; and,

Whereas, Mt. SAC, as a public institution of higher education with a publicly elected Board of Trustees, has an obligation to uphold the Public Trust and has made a commitment to data driven decision making to protect public health and promote student success as reflected in the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees unanimously approved Resolution 21-05, which states “requiring employees and students who enter College facilities to be vaccinated is necessary to ensure the health and safety of the College community” and,

Resolved, The Academic Senate reaffirms Senate Resolution 21-05 to acknowledge that the College is dedicated to “...enhancing personal well-being (and) developing critical thinking” as stated in our Mission Statement and emphasizes the need to maintain the Public Trust to protect public health by providing equitable learning environments in a safe manner including following all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health orders and guidelines for institutions of higher learning; and,

Resolved, The Academic Senate urges the Board of Trustees to uphold their Resolution 21-05 and continue vaccination requirements through the 2022-2023 academic year.

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¹ https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/5000695/SARS-CoV-2_Covid-19

² <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/11030468/latest>

³ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/10/01/california-becomes-first-state-in-nation-to-announce-covid-19-vaccine-requirements-for-schools/>