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Joint Resolution by Marshall University and West Virginia University on COVID Vaccinations

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WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate affirms the value of an in-person residential experience at Marshall University and West Virginia University,

WHEREAS, the Faculty Assembly affirms the value of offering educational opportunities in healthy classroom environments,

WHEREAS, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education at least 1,066 campuses have implemented vaccine mandates for students and/or employees,

WHEREAS, MU and WVU faculty wish to avoid interruptions to in-person activities due to COVID-19 disease outbreaks,

WHEREAS, the mental health of many of our students, faculty, and staff is severely at risk if in-person activities are limited or suspended due to COVID-19 outbreaks,

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration has granted full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine as assurance that it prevents COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older,

WHEREAS, the WVU Health System, Marshall Health and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine have mandated that all employees receive the COVID-19 vaccine,

WHEREAS, in the interest of a safe and healthy campus community, Marshall University and West Virginia University have an existing policy that requires students to be immunized against MMR, meningitis, polio, tetanus, and Hepatitis B,

WHEREAS, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is free and easily accessible,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate supports mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for all students and employees by January 1, 2022, with limited legally mandated exceptions.

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10/15/2021

APPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE DATE

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FACULTY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

READ: James A. Sillit DATE: 10-19-2021

COMMENTS: As I have previously stated, I do not
think a vaccine mandate is necessary. Our campus
vaccination rate is 81% (as of 10-19-2021) and our infection
rate is low. We will continue to require masks indoors
and test people who are unvaccinated.