

Thank you for taking the time to cast your ballot on the resolution regarding mandating vaccines. The final vote was 1094 aye and 185 nays. At this point, the resolution and results will be shared with the leadership at West Virginia University.

*WHEREAS, the Faculty Assembly affirms the value of an in-person residential experience at 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 773 campuses have implemented vaccine mandates for students and/or employees,*

*WHEREAS, 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 has mandated that all employees receive the COVID-19 vaccine,*

*WHEREAS, in the interest of a safe and healthy campus community, West Virginia University has 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 Assembly supports mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for all students and employees by January 1, 2022, with limited legally mandated exceptions.*