

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON A VACCINE MANDATE**

*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,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Assembly supports mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for all students and employees with limited legally mandated exceptions.*