

Faculty Senate Committee Report on Student Affairs

14 September, 2021

Timeline of Events: Communications and Agenda

1. Memorandum (1): 22 August, 2021: **The purpose of this memorandum is to provide members of the Faculty Committee on Student affairs to be aware of the forthcoming mandated student flu vaccination policy, and to elicit comments and likely potential arguments For/Against this policy by said members of this committee for presentation at the next Faculty Senate Meeting.**

- a. Also Contained sections of Student code of Conduct (Policy #3364-30-04: Approved 17 August, 2020: (D) (1) (e); (E) (1) (b); (10) (f); (20).
- b. Provided potential arguments
- c. Received coordination from committee.

Memorandum (2): 24 August, 2021: **The purpose of this Memorandum is to update all of you with recent news, to thank you all for your response input to the first Memorandum, and to provide a working dateline and agenda to accomplish our charge of being the conduit between our students and Faculty Senate; we will also have the charge of providing the administration with student concerns and advice on resolution of problems.**

- a. Switched focus: some of the Pros and Cons we have already articulated regarding the mandated flu vaccination policy could be applied to a mandatory COVID vaccine; however, there could be unexpected repercussions that we need to ponder.
- b. **Fall 2021 Working Agenda:**

Initial Meeting Dates	Meeting Mode	Meeting Purpose	Response Dates
By September 10, 2021	Meet with Student Government Reps either virtually or via email.	Ask Student leadership to list 4 import issues of concern (academics, health, safety etc.)	Ask students to respond by Friday, 17 September
By 1 October, 2021	Committee meets to discuss Student issues via Webex (1 hour).	Discuss and divide 2 student issues among Committee Senators for resolution in Fall 2021.	Resolution of 2 issues by 7 November. Short report due.

Memorandum (3 Student Government)): 7 September, 2021: **The purpose of this Memorandum is to create a new engagement with the University of Toledo Student Government leadership, to request that this leadership identify four major issues of concern among the larger student body, and to fill out and return the grid provided that outlines student issues and comments. This will be useful to our committee in providing guidance and strategic resolution of problems.**

- a. Request that President Anna Walker and her team of Student Government leaders identify four (4) major issues of concern among the larger student body. We immediately recognize that the mandated COVID vaccination will likely be an issue, so please consider and list that among the four (4) concerns, and provide comments.
- b. We asked that they respond to our request, if possible, by Friday, 17 September, 2021, or at the latest by Friday, 24 September. Our Faculty Senate Committee plans to meet via Webex on Friday 1 October, 2021, to review their issues and comments and make recommendations for effective solutions. We will then strategize how to resolve two (2) of these issues during fall semester and two (2) during spring semester.

Issue	Comments
1.Mandatory COVID vaccine	
2.	
3.	
4.	

- c. We attached Faculty Senate Resolutions on COVID-19 Vaccination and on Racism and Equity as pdf attachments.

Email (1) From Student Government President to Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee: 9 September, 2021

- a. They “...will return the completed memorandum (grid) by the specified date.”
- b. Utoledo Student Government passed their own resolution by unanimous vote in support of the Covid-19 vaccine mandate at their first meeting of the semester on 7 September, 2021, as follows:

Whereas, the University of Toledo Student Government (herein “UTSG”) represents all undergraduate students at The University of Toledo.

Whereas, COVID-19 continues to surge through Lucas County¹

Whereas, as of August 31st, 134 new cases of COVID-19 were recorded in Lucas County¹.

Whereas, as of August 25, 2021, 43 people between the ages of 18-29 died as a result of COVID-19.²

Whereas, as of August 25, 2021, 21 people between the ages of 18-29 died as result of COVID-19 related pneumonia²

Whereas, as of September 1st, 2021, 51% of ICU beds in Lucas County are occupied³

Whereas, as of September 1st, 2021, ~73% of ICU beds are occupied in the state of Ohio³.

Whereas, The University of Toledo records weekly campus COVID-19 case numbers.⁴

Whereas, between August 16th-22nd, 4 cases of COVID 19 were recorded on campus.⁴

Whereas, fully vaccinated people account for ~1.1% of all COVID-19 hospitalizations, approximately 1200/107,000 hospitalizations.⁴

Whereas, The University of Toledo offers vaccine appointments at multiple locations and times⁶

Therefore, let it Be Resolved, that UTSG supports the University of Toledo requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for all students, staff, and faculty.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/ohio-covid-cases.html>¹

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid_weekly/index.htm#SexAndAge²

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/covid-hospitals-near-you.html>³

<https://www.utoledo.edu/coronavirus/4> <https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-health-941fcf43d9731c76c16e7354f5d5e1875> <https://www.utmedicalcenter.org/covid-19-information/covid-19-vaccination-appointments>⁶