A Resolution to Support Requiring the COVID-19 Vaccine for the Fall 2021 Semester

Whereas, The University of Arkansas has been dedicated to the health, safety, and well-being of the campus community during the span of the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas, Recent efforts to mitigate the spread of coronavirus have expanded to the administration of one of the available forms of the COVID-19 vaccine; and,

Whereas, The University already requires Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations.

Whereas, As of April 19th, every American over the age of 16 is eligible to receive the vaccine; and,

Whereas, Pat Walker Health Center (PWHC) administers the vaccine, free-of-charge, to any student enrolled in classes at the University; and,

Whereas, The University’s COVID website provides information on available appointments at PWHC and other locations in the NWA community in which eligible members can receive the vaccine.

Whereas, The Board of Trustees plan to have the entire University of Arkansas system back on campus come Fall 2021. This includes classes, student organizations, activities, and events, and other related in-person functions and activities; and,

Whereas, Some students have avoided returning to campus due to danger and/or fear of their health and safety in a classroom or group setting; and
Whereas, The University should be an environment in which all students feel safe to attend classes, activities, events, etc.

Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government supports the requirement of the COVID-19 vaccine for the Fall 2021 semester in efforts to continue minimizing the spread of COVID-19 and create a safe environment for all students to return.

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to A.J. Olsen, Project/Program Director PWHC, and the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor.

Amendments: ______________________________________________________

Vote Count: Aye 21 Nay 13 Abstentions 5

Legislation Status: Passed X Failed Other

Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate

Julia Nall, ASG President

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