

## Resolution on the Vaccine Mandate at CSCU

Whereas the FAC working group in May 2021 recommended that only medical exemptions be allowed for the BOR approved vaccine mandate;

Whereas the State of Connecticut no longer accepts non-medical exemptions for required MMR vaccines at the grade school levels;

Whereas a non-medical exemption was added in the BOR resolution of June 24, 2021, with an argument that the vaccines had only emergency status (EUA);

Whereas the Pfizer vaccine has now received final BLA (Biologics License Approval), and Moderna will certainly receive its BLA shortly, if not this month;

Whereas the lawsuits against mandated vaccination at both the Universities of Connecticut and Massachussets have been dismissed by federal court judges;

Whereas all non-medical exemptions have been accepted without consideration of merit, thereby unnecessarily increasing the pool of non-vaccinated individuals;

Whereas the delta and possible further variants of the coronavirus such as the mu continue to pose a significant threat to students, faculty and staff of CSCU;

Whereas the coronavirus mutates most effectively in the pool of non-vaccinated individuals, and booster shots may be necessary for already vaccinated individuals;

Whereas the emails sent by CSCU institutions to non-medically exempt students indicate that the exemption is for Fall 2021 only and that the BOR “may disallow nonmedical exemptions at any time”;

Whereas faculty and staff should be aware of the response rates and vaccination rates at their institutions;

Whereas measures to ensure compliance with the vaccination mandate, including software to register proof of vaccination and testing of non-vaccinated individuals are essential at each institution of CSCU.

### ***Be it resolved:***

That the BOR provide statistics of the total numbers and response rate to the vaccine mandate of students, faculty and staff in each of the college and university sectors;

That the BOR provide statistics on the total numbers and percentage of respondents granted non-medical and medical exemptions in each of the college and university sectors;

That the BOR ensure that all CSCU institutions have appropriate software to monitor vaccination and testing compliance;

That the BOR consider adding booster shots to the vaccination mandate, once that is recommended by the CDC;

That the BOR disallow non-medical exemptions immediately upon the approval of both mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna);

That the BOR rescind all current non-medical exemptions at the same time, for students, faculty and staff.

Approved (unanimously) by the Faculty Advisory Committee at its Sept. 10, 2021 meeting