

Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

Senate Motion Number FS 21.22.001R

TO: President Zulma Toro

FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached resolution of the University Senate, dealing with: **FAC resolution on vaccines and exemptions**, is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This resolution was adopted by the University Senate on **09/13/2021**.
3. After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.
4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.7, the following schedule of action is to be observed.
 - a) By **12/10/2021**, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
 - b) By **12/24/2021**, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

12/10/2021

Date



Frederic Latour, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate

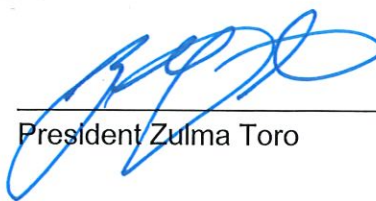
FROM: President Zulma Toro

1. Motion Approved : _____
2. Motion Disapproved: _____ (Explanatory statement must be appended).
3. Action "is deferred": _____
4. Resolution Noted: _____
5. Other: _____

Date

12/10/2021

President Zulma Toro



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

The Faculty Senate endorses the FAC resolution
(approved, 48-1)