

Senate Resolution 21-2CW (SR 21-10)

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Senator Bennett Matson, Special Interest  
Chair of Committee on External Affairs  
Senator Taylor Kelly, College of Liberal Arts  
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Senator Anastasia Jones-Burdick, College of Liberal Arts  
Chair of Committee on Inclusion & Cross-Cultural Engagement  
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Chair of Committee on Athletics  
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Chair of Committee on Infrastructure  
Senator Alex Nabors, Business School  
Chair of Committee on Academics  
Senator Wake Monroe, Liberal Arts  
Vice Chair of Committee on Governmental Operations

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI FACULTY SENATE’S “RESOLUTION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY.”

WHEREAS, the University of Mississippi Creed commits to “nurturing excellence in intellectual inquiry and personal character in an open and diverse environment” (*The University of Mississippi Creed 2020*);

WHEREAS, the University of Mississippi, provided its commitment to the creed, has returned to face-to-face instruction in the fall of 2021;

WHEREAS, students at the University of Mississippi are already required to be vaccinated and/or provide proof of immunity against other communicable diseases, such as measles, mumps and rubella;

WHEREAS, the Pfizer vaccine has been FDA approved as of August 23rd, 2021;

WHEREAS, Mississippi is ranked 48th in the nation in vaccination rates in which 40% of the population is fully vaccinated despite ample vaccination resources available (*Mississippi Today, 2021*);

WHEREAS, in the United States 75% of Americans age 18 or older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, while in Mississippi only 59% of residents 18 or older have received at least one dose (*Mississippi Today, 2021*);

WHEREAS, Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford declared a state of internal disaster, due to zero intensive care beds being available due to the rise in Covid-19 related hospitalizations, where 98% of hospitalized cases are unvaccinated (Oxford Eagle, 2021);

WHEREAS, the result of these collective circumstance of student and faculty absenteeism in face-to-face courses because of Covid-19 infections, quarantines, and caregiving responsibilities and in Covid-19-related hospitalizations and deaths among students, faculty, staff, their households, including children under 12 not eligible for vaccines, and other community members;

WHEREAS, other SEC universities are passing legislation combating the rise of COVID 19 cases on campus; most recently, with the mandatory vaccination, adopted at Louisiana State University on September 3rd, 2021(LSU Media Center 2021) AND;

WHEREAS, we as the Associated Student Body urge students, faculty, and staff of the University of Mississippi as well as the Lafayette community to confidently participate in the pursuit of protecting the life, health, and wellbeing of our community.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE SUPPORT THE FACULTY SENATE'S RESOLUTION AND CALL FOR A COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE FOR ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF, WITH EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED BY LAW AND POLICY.

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Committee	Committee Chair	Date
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Date of Introduction	Action of Student Senate	Clerk Initials

Acknowledgement of Student Body Elected Vice President:

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Richard Springer ASB Vice President	Date

Approval of Associated Student Body Elected President:

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Morgan Atkins  
ASB President

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Date

Acknowledgement of Campus Administration:

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Dr. Brent Marsh, Ph.D.  
Dean of Students

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Dr. Charlotte Fant Pegues  
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

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Dr. Glenn Boyce, Ph.D.  
Chancellor