

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Assem Nasr, Representative for the Department of Communication
Ann Marshall, Chair of the Executive Committee

DATE: August 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution to Mandate COVID-19 Vaccines for Students and Employees

**Resolution to Mandate COVID-19 Vaccines
for Students and Employees**

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the lives of students, faculty, staff, and our community at large causing major financial straits for the University due to low enrollments and the additional costs the pandemic imposed for sanitation and safety,

WHEREAS, Section VI.A.1.b. of the Senate Constitution grants the Voting Faculty the ability to recommend policies concerning "student conduct", and

WHEREAS, Section VI.A.1.e. of the Senate Constitution grants the Voting Faculty the ability to recommend policies concerning "the...welfare...of the faculty",

WHEREAS there has been a surge in cases of people contracting the Corona virus as well as an increase [severity and transmissibility](#) of its mutations,

WHEREAS the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) states that all students are required to complete vaccinations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal disease (meningitis),

WHEREAS PFW's [Vision Statement](#) regards our institution to be "dedicated to improving the world [...] with the obligation we have to each other to make Purdue University Fort Wayne the best it can be—as a place to learn, live, and work [with a] commitment extends to the people and communities we serve," thereby implying the institution's attention to the wellbeing and safety of its communities,

WHEREAS the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines have been fully approved by the [US Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#),

WHEREAS, Indiana University (IU) has set a precedent by [mandating its students, faculty, and staff](#) to be fully vaccinated,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate requests that Purdue University Fort Wayne adopt a stand modelled after IU's *Prevent the Spread* mandate program requiring students and employees to receive the vaccinations per CDC guidelines before the first day of Spring 2022 classes.