

Resolution

Reaffirming Our Commitment to the Health and Safety of Students, Faculty, and Staff During an Ongoing Global Pandemic

Whereas, we as a college have a responsibility to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and community.

Whereas, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and vaccine breakthrough cases are rising due to the rapid spread of more contagious variants (such as Omicron and its sub variants).

Whereas, the physical and mental health impacts of COVID-19 continue to present major community health and equity issues that demand a community-based, equity-minded, and trauma-informed approach to in-person staffing.

Whereas, the risk and stress of navigating COVID-19 exposure fall disproportionately and inequitably on part-time faculty, non-classroom faculty, and staff who are not permitted to work remotely.

Whereas, ongoing interruptions to face-to-face class meetings is detrimental to effective instruction.

Resolved, the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate supports the continuation of the GCCCD District policy that requires students to be vaccinated and masked in order to attend classes and utilize student services in person.

Resolved, the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate supports the continuation of the GCCCD District policy that requires students with religious or medical exemptions to attend classes and utilize student services remotely.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urges that all faculty (classroom, non-classroom, part-time, and full-time) with health conditions; young children; or family members who are at-risk, immunocompromised, or who medically cannot get vaccinated should not be required or expected to return to campus during an ongoing pandemic.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that decisions to end pandemic-related policies and procedures be agreed upon by faculty, staff, and administrators.

Resolved, the Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College stands with our students, faculty, staff, and community members who demand adequate consideration for their physical and mental health, well-being, and safety while we all remain vulnerable in the face of an ongoing global pandemic.

Approved by Senate Officers Committee on 5/31/22