

1 **RESOLUTION 2021-018**

2 A RESOLUTION FOR ADVOCATING FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF THE COVID 19 VACCINATION
3 FOR IN PERSON ACTIVITIES FOR FALL 2021

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5 Sponsor: Executive Board

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7 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled at The
8 Ohio State University as established by Article 2 Section 1 of the CGS Constitution; and

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10 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students or its appointed representative(s) have the power to act as an advisory agent
11 on behalf of graduate students on all matters brought before personnel, committees, or agencies of The Ohio State University
12 involving the interest of graduate students as established in Article 3 Section 3 of the CGS Constitution; and

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14 WHEREAS The Ohio State University has, over the past year, demonstrated aggressive and proactive leadership during the
15 COVID-19 pandemic regarding student testing and providing mass vaccinations for the Columbus community¹, in addition
16 to requiring masking, social distancing, and increased cleaning and sanitation in university spaces; and

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18 WHEREAS our Big Ten peer, Rutgers University recently announced that it would be requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for
19 in person activities Fall 2021, with Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway stating, "*We are committed to health and safety*
20 *for all members of our community, and adding COVID-19 vaccination to our student immunization requirements will help*
21 *provide a safer and more robust college experience for our students,*"²; and

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23 WHEREAS in doing so, Rutgers *reversed* a previous January 19th, 2021 statement that it would not require the COVID 19
24 vaccine³; and

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26 WHEREAS Rutgers has stated that the vaccine will be required in order for students to participate in on campus, in person
27 activities, and will not require the COVID-19 vaccine for distance learning or online activities⁴; and

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29 WHEREAS it appears that Rutgers is the first large university, and possibly the first higher education institution in the
30 United States at all, to announce that the COVID-19 vaccine will be made a requirement for Fall 2021⁵; and

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32 WHEREAS requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for participation in any in-person instruction and university housing
33 opportunities would strengthen the protection of faculty, staff, and of all students and promote a return to campus sooner,
34 safer, and and more confidently; and

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36 WHEREAS requiring the COVID-19 vaccine in the university's immunization requirements for all in-person activities
37 would help to create an equitable risk environment for elderly faculty, immunocompromised students, support staff, and
38 graduate assistants; and

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40 WHEREAS survey evidence indicates nationally that up to 71% of students support the notion that universities are able to
41 require the COVID-19 vaccine to ensure campus health and safety⁶; and

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43 WHEREAS there is little established legal case law indicating definitively the University's legal inability to require the
44 COVID-19 vaccine and the Harvard Law Review Blog notes that there is no federal guidance on colleges and universities

¹ <https://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/governor-mike-dewine-ohio-state-covid-vaccine-site-visit-3-9-21>

² <https://www.rutgers.edu/president/our-path-forward>

³ https://vimeo.com/502384549/10286f6cb1?utm_campaign=5370367&utm_source=affiliate&utm_channel=affiliate&cjevent=2b270a2f8d8311eb80ba00a10a240611&clickid=2b270a2f8d8311eb80ba00a10a240611

⁴ <https://www.politico.com/states/new-jersey/story/2021/03/25/rutgers-among-first-universities-to-require-covid-vaccines-for-students-1369562>

⁵ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2021/03/26/rutgers-university-first-us-require-covid-vaccine-students/7010077002/>

⁶ <https://collegepulse.com/blog/7-in-10-students-believe-colleges-can-require-covid-19-vaccinations>

45 mandating COVID-19 vaccination...⁷ and that “there is a well-established practice of universities mandating that students
46 receive specified vaccines for other diseases as a condition of attendance, and exemptions are often hard to obtain”^{8,9}; and
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48 WHEREAS requiring the COVID-19 vaccine in the university’s immunization requirements for all in-person activities
49 would comply with Food and Drug Administration guidance for the Emergency Use Authorization vaccines that individuals
50 must be informed of “the option to accept or refuse the EUA product and of any consequences of refusing administration
51 of the product.”¹⁰

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53 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students emphatically and unequivocally encourages The
54 Ohio State University to join Rutgers University in leading the nation in adding the COVID-19 vaccine to its immunization
55 requirements for any and all in-person instruction, student activities, and campus housing for Autumn 2021; and

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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students asks The Ohio State University to, in tandem, develop
58 and communicate a clear process that would allow students to seek medical exemptions and would communicate the
59 consequences of refusing the COVID-19 vaccine to students, pursuant to FDA EUA guidelines; and

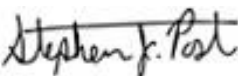
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students asks the University to develop and communicate
62 processes for making the vaccine available before next fall to all students, and in particular international students who may
63 not have had the opportunity to receive vaccination in their country of origin before arriving at any Ohio State campus; and

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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students expresses its appreciation of the University’s ongoing
66 COVID-19 vaccination efforts; and

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68 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students directs its President and Vice President to distribute
69 this resolution to all proper leadership and authorities of The Ohio State University and its partners.

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72 Approved: Yes/No
73 54 Yeas, 1 Nay, 2 Abstentions

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75 Date: __4/2/21__

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79 Stephen J. Post, President

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⁷ <https://blog.harvardlawreview.org/can-colleges-and-universities-require-student-covid-19-vaccination/>

⁸ <https://europepmc.org/article/med/28549805>

⁹ https://repository.arizona.edu/bitstream/handle/10150/633759/JLME_Higher_Ed_Vac_Req-Barraza_Hodge_et_al.pdf?sequence=1

¹⁰ <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/emergency-use-authorization-medical-products-and-related-authorities>

Delegate Name	Delegate Seat	Vote
Arts & Sciences		
Benjamin Mertus.3	Anthropology	Yea
Robin Gordon.215	Arts Administration, Education, & Policy	Yea
Greg Jameson.61	Biophysics	Yea
Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2	Chemistry	Yea
Alexander Milder.3	Chemistry	
Ashweta Sahni.16	Chemistry	
Kye Stachowski.7	Chemistry	Yea
Morgan Ross.1655	Communication	Yea
Rob Barry.213	Comparative Studies	
Laura Neese.13	Dance	Yea
Lindsey Hernandez.641	Earth Sciences	
John Bundschuh.8	East Asian Languages & Lit	Yea
Alan Lujan.14	Economics	Yea
Keira Hambrick.25	English	Yea
Jamie Utphall.1	English	Yea
Mary Sagatlova.2	Evolution, Ecology, & Organic Biology	Yea
Erik Scaltitri.1	French & Italian	Yea
Polina Berezina.1	Geography	Yea
Meaghann Dynes.19	Germanic Languages & Lit	
Greyson Teague.78	History	
Yifan Li.8320	History of Art	
Katie Conner.280	Linguistics	Yea
Luke Andrejek.1	Mathematics	Yea
Kacey Clark.3684	Mathematics	
Andrew Wilson.3787	Microbiology	
Swetha Rajasekaran.11	Molecular Genetics	
Kelsey Pinckard.6	Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology	Yea
Robert Dahlberg-Sears.1	Music	Yea
Zari Mahmoudi.4	Near Eastern Languages & Cultures	Yea
Jenna Greve.41	Ohio State Biochemistry Program	Yea
Todd DeRose.28	Philosophy	Yea
Jahmour Givans.2	Physics	Yea
Charlie Mace.103	Physics	Yea
Jay Padayasi.1	Physics	Yea
Daniel Smith.13091	Political Science	
Ekaterina Tikhonyul.1	Slavic & East European Languages & Cultures	Yea
Story Edison.22	Sociology	Yea
Kendra Dickinson.130	Spanish & Portuguese	Yea
Riley DeBacker.2	Speech & Hearing	Yea
Bethany Frick.70	Speech & Hearing	
Morgan Heyde.9	Statistics	Yea
Kumar Somnath.1	Statistics	
Aviva Neff.336	Theatre	Yea
Robert Cremins.3	Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies	Yea
Fisher College of Business		
Matthew Stuckey.56	Business Administration	Yea
Akanksha Sahni.22	Management & Human Resources	

Dentistry		
Michelle Scott.1445	Dentistry	Yea
Education & Human Ecology		
Christian Hines.350	Teaching & Learning	
Ho-Chieh Lin.2532	Teaching & Learning	
Xinyue Lu.2092	Teaching & Learning	Yea
Doricka Menefee.18	Teaching & Learning	Abstain
Javonte Lipsey.25	Human Sciences	Nay
Derek Walton.425	Human Sciences	
Steph Charles.211	Educational Studies	
Paul Gregor.32	Educational Studies	
Noor Khalayleh.1	Educational Studies	
Goran Stevanovski.	Educational Studies	
Engineering		
Ali Asghariadib.1	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
Melika Shahhosseini.2	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
Felipe Pacci Evaristo.1	Material Science & Welding Engineering	
Ana Velasquez Giraldo.1	Food, Agricultural, & Biological Engineering	Yea
Ty Drayton.18	Engineering Education	Yea
Om Prakash Bedant.1	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Yea
Jacob Compaleo.2	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
Krutant Mehta.337	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Yea
Ada Barach.8	Computer Science & Engineering	Yea
Pouya Kousha.2	Computer Science & Engineering	
Garrett Tatum.71	Civil Engineering	Yea
Archit Datar.10	Chemical Engineering	
Ashwin Kane.314	Chemical Engineering	
EST Architecture		
Brett Wedding.10	Architecture	
Rosie Rabati.1	Architecture	
Food, Agricultural, & Environmental Sciences		
Nathaniel Neiden.22	Plant Pathology & Agriculture	
Jordan Hartman.635	Horticultural & Crop Science	
Ellia La.18	Food Science & Technology	
Sarah Haines.241	Environmental Sciences	Yea
Dominique Nagasawa (magistrado.1)	Entomology	Yea
Benjamin Duran.83	Animal Sciences	
Colby Gregg.186	Agricultural Communication, Education, & Leadership	Yea
Environment & Natural Resources		
Wanderson Novais Pereira.1	Environment & Natural Resources	
Maritza Pierre.77	Environment & Natural Resources	Yea
College of Medicine		
Jessica Blackburn.243	Graduate Medical Science	Yea
Shontiar Johnson.8278	Graduate Medical Science	
Lauren Riley.865		Yea
Roy Chang.1541	Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program	

Paul Consiglio.4	Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program	
Shane O'Neil.175	Neuroscience Graduate Program	Yea
Health & Rehabilitation Sciences		
Adam Culiver.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Steph Fanelli.18	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Madison Mize.29	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Megan Zib.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
College of Nursing; College of Optometry; College of Pharmacy		
Ericka Velez-Bonet.1	Ohio State Nutrition Program	
Annedra Gladney.9	Nursing	
Bryan Remaily.1	Pharmacy	
Austin DeGroff.23	Optometry	Yea
Public Affairs		
Carrington Conerly.2	Public Affairs	Yea
Caroline Fitzpatrick.271	Public Affairs	Yea
Public Health		
Selasi Attipoe.1	Public Health	
Anthony Bowersock.26	Public Health	
Sarah Hyman.62	Public Health	Abstain
Brian O'rourke.130	Public Health	Yea
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