

A Resolution in Support Student Choice and the Immediate Implementation of Wide Scale Access to a Remote Learning Across Campus

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force notified students on the 21st of January 2022 of the January 31st 2022 return date for in-person instruction, providing students with no more than ten days notice to return to campus for instruction^{1 2};

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate provided faculty guidance for Winter 2022 return to in-person instruction; allowing instructors to dictate whether or not they will continue to provide Zoom lectures for students unable to attend in person³;

WHEREAS, as of January 31st 2022, in Los Angeles county there were 8,786 new confirmed positive cases with 37 new confirmed deaths;⁴

WHEREAS, as of January 31st 2022 there were 8,304 confirmed positive cases of covid on campus, with over 1,000 of those cases being in on campus housing;⁵

WHEREAS, in an email to instructors regarding the modality for Winter 2022 instruction, the Academic Senate made a note in favor of in-person instruction; further advising instructors to consider the benefits of in-person learning for students when deciding whether or not to offer remote instruction for their course⁶;

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate set allowable exceptions to onsite instruction for the Winter 2022 term; including few exceptions addressing virtual instruction mainly based on approved accommodations alone; those of which not all students are able to be access⁷;

WHEREAS, neither the Academic Senate nor the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force provided guidance to faculty regarding students who may want to opt out of in-person instruction; leaving students vulnerable to academic penalties when the instructor has opted for in-person instruction; without protections for all students who may choose not to return to campus;

WHEREAS, the Disabled Student Union gathered more than 25,000 signatures in support of the implementation of a hybrid learning model; while further urging UCLA administration to

¹ COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force January 21st email- <https://covid-19.ucla.edu/in-person-instruction-to-resume-on-jan-31/>

² COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force January 21st email- <https://covid-19.ucla.edu/in-person-instruction-to-resume-on-jan-31/>

³ Winter 2022 Guidance- <https://ucla.app.box.com/s/gr4q80sf43xoxy7qs858c959m8tehvo9>

⁴ LA County <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/#>

⁵ UCLA COVID-19 Dashboard- <https://covid-19.ucla.edu/confirmed-cases-of-covid-19-among-the-ucla-campus-community/>

⁶ W22 Clarification Regarding Remote Instruction-<https://ucla.app.box.com/s/vtd7jmvcf1vp5qlbk8sj0iioknzog7f3>

⁷ Winter 2022 Remote Instruction Exemption Authorization - <https://ucla.app.box.com/s/ijrnugmwrj1nvz7i9d3mt3yxtle1t5a>

implement a hybrid learning model moving forward to for students' safety and continued accessibility⁸;

WHEREAS, the UCLA COVID-19 Community Screening Protocol is utilized for identifying individuals with asymptomatic infection and placing them into isolation; and improving understanding of prevalence, thereby allowing more effective administrative decisions⁹;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the UCLA Summary of COVID-19 Public Health Mitigation Requirements for UCLA Campus is to provide information regarding the various COVID-19 protocols, requirements, and guidelines currently implemented on campus¹⁰;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the UCLA Procedures for Compliance and Enforcement of COVID-19 Public Health Mitigation Measures is to provide information regarding the compliance and the procedures for enforcing the compliance of the public health mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, neither the Community Screening Protocol, the Public Health Mitigation Requirements, nor the Procedures for Compliance and Enforcement provide information regarding the systems the university utilizes to remain informed of violations that may be occurring in order to mitigate the possible health risks to the larger student body;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate, the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force along with UCLA administration address the current safety concerns of students and require instructors to provide virtual alternatives for students without penalty for the remaining 2021-2022 academic year;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that moving forward the Academic Senate and the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force along with UCLA administration include protections for a students autonomy in matters and decisions pertaining to their safety, health and wellbeing;

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student's Association Council echo and support the demands of the Disabled Student Union for the permanent implementation of remote learning options for all students at UCLA.

⁸ Remote Learning DSU Response- https://docs.google.com/document/d/13F8OK2-h-9H-CJOw8Wqf6mCBmlAcr_zYMlb5tC-eKr0/edit

⁹ UCLA Procedures for Compliance and Enforcement of COVID-19 Public Health Mitigation Measures- <https://ucla.app.box.com/s/9a5ovmr70pmxkethmfd1nxrv9zp8d4cf>

¹⁰ UCLA Summary of COVID-19 Public Health Mitigation Requirements for UCLA Campus- <https://ucla.app.box.com/s/qmavvpk8uw0l8iff4okzgz5mdionbck>