



**Resolution in Support of a Temporary Change to the Amount of Virtual Instruction Permitted in Traditional (in-person) Instruction Courses for Spring 2022**

- Whereas: The return to campus in Spring 2022 is complicated by the surging infection rates for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), primarily due to the Omicron variant, with national case rates higher than seen yet in the pandemic; and
- Whereas: The highly infectious nature of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 means that even vaccinated people are subject to infection that may require quarantine, meaning that faculty, students, and their families and loved ones are all at risk of being forced to work from home on short notice; and
- Whereas: In recognition of the surge of the Omicron variant of the novel coronavirus, CSUF has mandated that the first two weeks of Spring 2022 semester be taught virtually; and
- Whereas: ASD 21-95, passed by the Academic Senate of CSUF last Fall, endorsed the concept of grace and flexibility in the face of these difficult times; and
- Whereas: Many faculty are teaching traditional (in-person) courses in the face of the uncertainty of potential exposure to the virus necessitating the need to self-quarantine or recover from illness; and
- Whereas: Many faculty have children quarantined or unable to attend school or day care it is necessary to extend flexible teaching modalities to accommodate their needs; and
- Whereas: UPS 411.104 defines traditional (in-person) instruction as courses that may contain 20% or less of total class meeting time offered in an online fashion; and
- Whereas: The CSUF Academic Senate value the work of faculty diligently working to ensure a rewarding learning environment for our students during this unprecedented transitional period and endorses faculty empowerment for flexibility to teach their courses; be it therefore
- Resolved: That the implementation of the rule allowing for the move of up to 20% (3 weeks) of instruction to a virtual format commence after the end of the interim virtual instruction (expected to be February 7, 2022); and be it further
- Resolved: That the CSUF Academic Senate re-affirms that individual faculty have the autonomy to determine both the percentage of a traditional course to be offered in an online within this additional 20% (3 weeks) of normal class meeting limit and the timing of these additional virtual class sessions; and be it further

Resolved: That faculty are strongly encouraged to notify their department chairs and must notify students in the relevant courses as soon as possible to any alterations of the modality for any class meetings; and be it finally

Resolved: That copies of the resolution be distributed to the CSUF Faculty, the CSUF President, the CSUF Provost, and the CSUF Deans.