



**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 Fall 2022 is complicated by the surging infection rates for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), primarily due to the B4 and B5 variants, with high case rates; and
- Whereas: The highly infectious nature of the B5 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: ASD 21-95, passed by the Academic Senate of CSUF Fall of 2021, 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 family 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 (equivalent of 3 weeks) offered in an online fashion; and
- Whereas: The B5 variant of COVID-19 has been shown to reinfect both the vaccinated and those who have already had an infection of the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and
- Whereas: The CSUF Academic Senate values 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; and
- Whereas: Transitioning to alternative modalities mid-semester is not ideal, particularly for students who may learn better in one modality over another; be it therefore
- Resolved: That the implementation of the rule allowing for the move of up to 20% (equivalent of 3 weeks) of instruction to a virtual format be revised to the equivalent of 4 weeks of instruction by this resolution for Fall 2022 for undergraduate courses; and be it further
- Resolved: Faculty shall make every effort to ensure that the stated assignments and grading rubrics on the original course syllabus are not compromised.

- Resolved: That the CSUF Academic Senate refer the question of permanently raising the percentage of virtual instruction allowed in an in-person course to the equivalent of 4 week to reflect the more endemic nature of continually developing future variants of COVID-19; and be it further
- Resolved: That the CSUF Academic Senate re-affirms that individual faculty have the autonomy to determine both the percentage of an in-person course (see UPS 411.104) to be offered in an online within this equivalent of 4 weeks of normal class meeting limit and the timing of these additional virtual class sessions; and be it further
- Resolved: That this body clarifies that standard course designations for normal instruction under UPS 411.104 do not preclude emergency, course specific alternatives that are governed by UPS 230.010; and be it further
- Resolved: That Department Chairs under exceptional circumstances may increase the percent of a course offered virtually; and be it further
- Resolved: That faculty are strongly encouraged to notify their department chairs and must notify and provide accommodation students in the relevant courses as soon as possible to any alterations of the modality for any class meetings; and be it further
- Resolved: That faculty, Department Chairs, and Administrators offer grace and flexibility to faculty and students who cannot participate fully in courses due to the complications arising from COVID-19 isolation mandates consistent with the flexibility given in UPS 230.010 (Faculty Obligation to Meet Classes); be it finally resolved
- Resolved: That copies of the resolution be distributed to the CSUF Faculty, the CSUF President, the CSUF Provost, and the CSUF Deans.